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## THE FOURTH STATEWIDE CONFERENCE FOR ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS Walton E. Lee

The First Baptist Church in Jackson was the meeting place of the Fourth Statewide Conference for Associational Sunday School officers on January 10-11.

The song services of all sessions were under the direction of Dr. B. B. McKinney and when the hymn was announced to open the first day's program, several hundred were present, many having driven many miles to reach Jackson for the initial service.

Following an inspiring song and praise service a time was given to a report of the progress which has been made during the past year.

Mr. J. N. Barnett of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, which is fostering the conference, made report of the progress throughout the South. It is little short of remarkable and most encouraging. The following gains may be noted: new Sunday schools organized 1636, gains over the previous year 481; new Cradle Roll departments reported organized 2130; Training awards 167,402, gains 37,795; number of churches holding Training Schools 6501, gains 542; Vacation Bible schools held 3455, gains 935; net gain in Sunday school enrollment 150,000, gains 111,649.

Brother E. C. Williams, secretary of Sunday school work in the state, made report of the progress in Mississippi. Three years ago a five year program was adopted and in the three years the following evidences of progress is noted. Net increase in the number of schools, 250; Training schools in the churches, 600; Training awards, 30,000; net increase in Vacation Bible schools, 300; net increase in Vacation Bible enrollment, 30,000; number of Associational Sunday school organizations functioning, 60, which is 5/6 of the number of associations in the state.

### Evangelism

Southern Baptists this year are majoring on evangelism in every department of work, especially in the Sunday school. At this time in the morning's program Mr. Harold Ingram, secretary of the department of Administration of the Sunday School Board, spoke on "Enlargement for Evangelism." It is the aim of the Sunday school forces to go on in their program of enlargement and this will be primarily to the end of reaching the lost, emphasized Mr. Ingram. The workers present, both preachers and laymen, were urged to preach, pray and work to the end of bringing the lost to the Lord Jesus. That there be enlargement to the one end of reaching those in sin.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, followed Mr. Ingram with an intensely impassioned address sounding also a high note of evangelism. Dr. Holcomb in his introductory paid high tribute to Dr. R. B. Gunter, the retiring secretary of missions in the state, and to brother D. A. McCall, who has been recently elected to succeed Dr. Gunter.

The Sunday school work of the South three years ago was projected on an associational basis and Dr. Holcomb said Mississippi's organization with the association as the unit was more nearly perfect than any state in the South. He pledged to brother Williams, the state Sunday school secretary, and to brother McCall, the state mission secretary, the Sunday School Board's staunchest and most loyal backing in the days ahead.

The session closed with prayer led by brother J. S. Riser, Jr.

### Afternoon Session

The general assembly of this afternoon's session was preceded by department conferences for the associational officers. These were conducted by the trained leaders of the Sunday School Board assisted by those within our own state. They were well attended evidencing a feeling that there is an ever increasing need of trained leadership.

In the general assembly brother N. R. Drummonds brought a message on "Forward in Training" in which was a commendation of the training courses provided by the Sunday School Board and the assignment of a number of sane reasons as to why training courses in all churches should be held.

The address by Mr. Andrew Allen of the Elementary department of the board on "What Manner of Child," was thought provoking. The heart of the child was pictured as subject to three influences, viz Nature or the blood stream, environment in which is exerted both a conscious and an unconscious influence on God. A plea was made that renewed effort be put forth to get the Lord Jesus into the hearts of the children of our land. Miss Biby is no stranger to the Sunday school workers of Mississippi, she having come on a number of previous occasions to be one of the conference leaders in these annual meetings. Her address this afternoon was an earnest plea in the interest of the Intermediate boys and girls.

A very practical message was brought by Mr. W. P. Phillip on "Everyday Evangelism Among Young People and Adults." The "why" and the "how" of leading men to Christ was discussed in a forceful way.

The session closed with a roundtable discussion of some general problems of the work, led by Mr. Barnett. To the request to give expression of opinion as to these problems there was ready response and the period proved helpful.

### Evening Session

The session opened with the departmental conferences as did the session of the afternoon. Dr. Gunter presided over this session and made a statement as to the program of the State Board in the Southwide evangelistic campaign which has been inaugurated under his leadership as secretary of the board. Brother D. A. McCall who has been recently elected to succeed Dr. Gunter and who is to lead in the carrying out of the program, addressed the conference, reviewing in an interesting way a county-wide evangelistic campaign carried out in his home county. Brother McCall in closing his address pledged himself to loyal and faithful service in the position of state mission secretary to which he has been elected.

A pleasing feature at this time in the evening's program was the singing of "Majestic Sweetness" by a quartette from Hillman College. The young ladies were presented by Dr. M. P. L. Berry, president of the college.

"The Southern Baptist Revival of 1939" was discussed by Dr. Roland Leavell. In the Southwide effort for a revival in all the churches Dr. Leavell named and discussed in a helpful way several objectives to be accomplished: (1) To largely increase the number who shall be brought to Christ; (2) To greatly increase the number of soul winners; (3) A soul winning program in every church; (4) An associational organization; (5) A conserving of results—training and de-

veloping those who are reached with the gospel; (6) The preachers much in prayer and preaching the word faithfully.

The session closed with prayer led by brother McCall.

### Second Day

The assembling for the regular program of the morning was preceded by a gathering for breakfast at the Walthall Hotel of all the associational superintendents of evangelism and one at the Robert E. Lee Hotel of all the Sunday school superintendents of evangelism.

The discussions of the former were under the direction of Dr. Roland Leavell and of the latter under direction of brother E. C. Williams. It will be seen from this that the attendants on the conference are here for business as these early meetings were well attended and the discussions in them relative to more effectively organizing the associations were very practical.

When the hour for the general assembly came, following the third series of department conferences, there seemed to be no lessening in attendance or interest, notwithstanding the beautiful weather of yesterday having been changed to rain and lowering clouds.

Following brother McKinney's inspiring song service and prayer by W. W. Kyzar, Miss Mary Nance Daniels discussed "College Youth At Its Highest Best in Service." The interest many college students are taking in Christian work was pointed out and an earnest plea was made that they be encouraged and used in the churches and associations.

Brother N. R. Drummonds of the Architectural department of the Sunday School Board urged the providing of better Sunday school equipment in more adequate buildings.

The Daily Vacation Bible school which has come to be an outstanding phase of Sunday school work was discussed by Dr. Homer Grice, who has been at the head of this department for many years.

The closing period was in charge of brother E. C. Williams who expressed thanks to the Sunday School Board for making the conference possible and urged earnest, sympathetic cooperation in making 1939 a great year in Sunday school work that it may be a year of ENLARGEMENT AND BIBLE STUDY FOR EVANGELISM.

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The Alabama Baptist says that in Birmingham every man, woman and child, white and black has on his or her shoulders a debt to the city, county and state of \$500. And that is probably about what it sums up in most places.

An exchange says for every cent a man spends for alcoholic drinks the tax payer pays the same to take care of the consequences of his drinking. The idea that you will escape or reduce taxes by licensing the sale of liquor has been demonstrated to be a delusion in the past six years.

On Sunday afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mr. Wm. M. Emerson and Miss Christine Spain were united in marriage, Pastor H. M. King officiating. Mr. Emerson is a member of a long prominent and useful family in Hernando, Miss. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College and is a promising young business man of Jackson. The young lady is a popular member of the group in the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, is from Kosciusko, and was a student at Hillman College and at Louisiana College. They will make their home in Jackson.



## Sparks and Splinters

### LEST YOU FORGET TO PRAY AND TO GIVE

The Baptist Bible Institute faculty and students are praying daily for the \$8,100 interest obligation due February first. Please help. Send any gift as early as possible to 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Somebody said he farmed at a loss that other people might farm at a profit. And some of us have to work harder to save other people from much hard work.

A "Sunrise Prayer Meeting" ushered in the New Year for the Baptists of Senatobia. The pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin, conducted the service, which was finely attended and proved uplifting and inspiring to all.

Foreign Board Receipts in December: Program, \$43,911.90; Designated, \$17,752.76; China Emergency Fund, \$100.00; China Relief Fund, \$2,966.72; Debt Account, \$2,608.87; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$5,909.47; Miscellaneous Income, \$1,603.69; Total, \$74,853.41.

During the past twelve months the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, La., Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor, has welcomed more than an average of ten members per Sunday, without a revival meeting. The total church membership has now passed the 3600 mark.—Neil Herrington, Secretary.

The brethren in Northwest Mississippi are keeping brother A. T. Cinnamond busy. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of Salem Church in Tate County. On January 8, at the request of Pastor H. L. Martin, he preached for the Senatobia congregation and on Jan. 17 he delivered the sermon for the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference at Sardis.

The Baptist Bible Institute is preparing to meet the semi-annual interest on its bonded indebtedness Feb. 1. Its only source of help in this matter is in the voluntary gifts of interested friends. Already many are helping, but all will be needed to make up this amount of something like \$8,000. If you wish to help send to Dr. W. W. Hamilton, President, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La.

The total gifts of Southern Baptists to South-wide objects, that is those not local or within the state, for December was \$116,883.97. Of this \$95,460.66 came through the Cooperative Program; \$11,107.63 designated, and \$10,315.68 through the 100,000 Club. Of this total for that month Mississippi churches gave \$3,356.82; of which \$2,648.41 came through the Cooperative Program; \$241.35 designated, and \$467.06 through the 100,000 Club. We were eleventh on the list.

A freewill cash offering amounting to more than \$1,700 for the church building fund featured the special Christmas services at the First Baptist Church, Senatobia. This offering was made without any pressure and reflects the fine spirit prevailing among the membership. Pastor and Mrs. Martin were lavishly "remembered" by the congregation and for the first time in a long period of years the Cooperative Program is given a place in the regular budget of the church.

In the same sermon Jesus said, "Do not your righteousness before men to be seen of them," and "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." What he seeks to do is to see that their actions are inspired by the proper motive, the motive of glorifying God and not self. The same act may be the one or the other, but it cannot be both. You need not hesitate to send to the Baptist Record for publication any good news from your way, always provided you are seeking to honor the Lord and help your fellowmen.

Pastors in the northeastern part of the state are arranging for a Bible conference and inspirational meeting in Baldwin Feb. 7, 8, and 9.

The pastors in the southwestern part of the state are providing for a Bible study and evangelistic conference to be held at McComb Feb. 13-14.

First Baptist Church, New Orleans, is said to be the largest non-Catholic church in the city having a membership of 1,776. There are 27 self supporting Baptist churches in the city. As long as they are fruitful they will multiply.

Pastor J. W. Middleton has secured the promise of Dr. W. D. Hudgins of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, to assist in the revival meeting at Clinton beginning the last Sunday in January. Many of our people are interested here, and will join in prayer for a gracious meeting.

In South Carolina the churches have been asked to observe Feb. 12 as Ministers' Retirement Day. The purpose is to make an offering totaling \$5,000 from all the churches to pay the two per cent promised by the convention to provide old age security for the preachers.

Some brethren, not in Mississippi of course, seem not to know how to say what they have to say through the papers in a short article. This is very unfortunate, for their articles often have excellent matter in them, but many people simply will not read them because of their length. Remember what Samivel Veller said about getting married: It is not worth while to go through so much to get so little.

Dr. B. Locke Davis knew Dr. S. H. Jones as a student in the Baptist Bible Institute. After the church at Brookhaven called Dr. Jones, Dr. Davis wrote of him: "I am more favorably impressed than ever with your selection of Dr. S. H. Jones. I do not know any one, including the pastors of all our largest churches and the teachers in all our seminaries and colleges, whom I consider more outstanding or better qualified in every way, or who would fit more acceptably into the life of your church and community."

We give in answer to inquiry the Calendar of Activities adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention: January and February the 100,000 Club; March, Home and Foreign Missions; Missionary day in Sunday schools, Training Union study course. April, Christian Literature and S. S. Training Course; May, Hospital Day on Mother's Day; June, Christian Education; July, Relief and Annuity Board; July, Baptist Bible Institute; August, Southwestern Seminary; September, Luther Rice Memorial, Southern Seminary, W. M. U. Training School and Season of Prayer for State Missions, Training Union Study Course; October, State Missions, Week of Prayer, Brotherhood Day, State Mission Day in Sunday school; November, State Papers, Orphanage, Every Member Canvass; December, W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Every Member Canvass completed.

A Latin proverb was "Obsta principiis." The Arabs tell you to be on your guard against the camel getting his nose in the tent. In English we are cautious about the "entering wedge." We do well to remember that political control of the churches in Germany did not come all at once. It crept in. And the federal government of the United States is proposing a measure of supervision and control over the internal affairs of our churches which has never been done before in this country. It is likely that an effort will be made to so amend the social security act which provides for workers reaching old age, as to include churches and preachers. This is nothing if not an effort to tax the membership of the churches for the benefit of preachers. The churches ought to provide for their preachers, but it is their own business and not the business of the federal government. This is nothing if not an effort to dictate to the churches in a matter which is the concern of the churches. It is quite common these days for some iniquitous legislation to be enacted under the guise of benevolence. For example those who wish to license the sale of liquor, make the appeal that it is to take care of old age.

The only way you can start many people to thinking is to say something that starts an argument, something on which they differ with you.

We read of a pastor in Virginia who has a class studying the various world religions. If there is any bigger waste of time we do not know of it. Why not get acquainted with the Bible?

Two new missionaries were appointed by the Foreign Board in Richmond in December: Miss Elizabeth Truly, a graduate of Howard Payne College and of the Southwestern Training School, and Miss Amanda A. Tinkle, a trained nurse. They go to Nigeria, Africa.

There were seven associational moderators in attendance on the Sunday School Conference last week in Jackson, ten associational Sunday school superintendents, about 50 pastors. There were twelve who had attended all four of these state conferences.

The commanding general of the Fourth Corps Area called me back to duty with the CCC last month. My headquarters are at Camp BF-1, Tallahassee, Fla. A fine location and a wonderful opportunity for service. My assignment covers nine camps and one side camp. There are about 1600 men in all these camps—Chaplain J. C. Richardson.

In 46 years, that is since the Sunday School Board was instituted by the Southern Baptist Convention, the number enrolled in our Sunday schools in Southern Baptist churches has multiplied sevenfold. And yet we have 1200 churches in the South without Sunday schools, and two and a half million of the members of our Baptist churches are not in Sunday school.

If you have electric appliances or electric machinery of any kind and there is a sputtering and popping when you turn on the current, something is wrong, and it ought to be corrected before you go any further. So when a man preaches or makes an address, if there is undue noise about it, the power isn't working well. "I will put my Spirit upon him and he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry aloud; neither shall anyone hear his voice in the streets." Watch yourself when you begin to get loud.

The T. E. L. class of First Church, Jackson, on Tuesday evening of last week honored the deacons with a banquet. The editor was privileged to sit in and enjoy the fellowship and the dinner. Mr. W. M. Montgomery is the newly elected chairman of the board, succeeding Prof. W. F. Bond. The wives of the deacons were also included and added much to the occasion. The table was beautifully decorated, and the dinner was all that could be desired. Mr. Kirby Walker introduced the new deacons and Mr. Owen Cooper responded. Mrs. E. W. Gibbens presided gracefully as toastmistress. Pastor Hewitt was general superintendent and Mr. Henry Love looked after the music. It was a pleasant way to introduce the new year.

After Dr. G. P. White as chairman of the committee on Evangelism, appointed by the Convention Board, had made the report of the committee, published January 5 in the Baptist Record, brother D. A. McCall asked Pastor Middleton of Clinton to act as chairman of a committee to prepare a program for the Statewide Evangelistic Conference. The committee is at work on the program and as soon as completed it will be given to the Record readers. It has been decided to have the conference at Clinton from Feb. 28 to March 3. That is the conference will run for three days, beginning on Tuesday afternoon and continuing until Friday noon. There will be at least three outstanding leaders and speakers from out of the state, men whose souls are alive with compassion for the lost, and who are able to help others to do evangelistic work effectively. There will also be a number of men within the state who can stir the hearts of others. But aside from speaking it is to be a conference, a time in which we will confer first with the Lord and then with one another about His work. Be sure to save that date for the conference, pray for the Lord to be with us, and be there from start to finish. The manner of entertainment will be announced later.



## PREPARATION FOR A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Compiled largely from messages that have fired my own heart, with the prayer that each reader may in turn be fired, and that unpossessed possessions may be possessed to use in His service.—Mrs. Galla Paxton.

The atmosphere is charged with anticipation of a spiritual revival or awakening. We read it, we hear it, we talk it. All Methodism is trying to recapture the spirit that fired John Wesley with his great spiritual awakening. Southern Baptists are filling their papers and magazines with plans for a great revival in 1939 with hopes that it will sweep over the entire land, yea, around the world. Foreign missionaries have from time to time come back with a great desire to set up in America the revival fires that are burning in certain sections in China and elsewhere. Perhaps the Christian, as he views the pitiable, desperate world, sees his golden opportunity for service and at the same time recognizes his lack of power, his failure to have discovered for himself the secret of victorious living. And since he cannot give out that which he himself does not possess, he does well to turn to the Heavenly Father and with confessing of guilt, and humility of heart, plead that the opportunity be not taken away; but that he be cleansed, filled with a new power, experience a new awakening, and thus be an equipped and adequate vessel to show forth the power of God to a quaking, fear-crazed world.

Let us view the world in which we live. It is not a very lovely picture. Materialism and moral rot are threatening to undermine our very civilization. Suspicion, hate, greed and fear produce a feeling of insecurity that is felt the world over.

"Today it is normal for people to starve in one section while surplus food is destroyed in another.

"Today it is normal to have conflict in industry and nations in the grip of war fear.

"Today it is normal for home and family to be breaking up and the divorce courts to be full. Is all of this really normal or is it insanity in a mad world?

"To be controlled by God is normal. The only sane people are those who are living under God's orders. If you don't live under His will you're missing the whole point of being alive. No wonder things go wrong."

Dr. Lawrence recently said, "On every hand we see evidences of a collapse in morals. And this moral breakdown is not confined to racketeers. The disposition to dodge honest obligations has seeped into governments, businesses and even religious organizations. The attitude of the people toward moral and spiritual values has evidently undergone in the past few decades a radical and unwholesome change which bodes no good for the future." These statistics and comments were given in Royal Service: "In Dr. Alldredge's recent handbook is the appalling fact that the world is growing heathen faster than it is growing Christian at the rate of 6,000,000 a year. What can be done to save the world from the suicidal course toward which it is drifting? What indeed but the turning from the foolishness of human wisdom to God. He has shown in His word what it is that exalts a nation and what it is that brings a nation low. The hope of the nations lies in God. And the world's prospects are as bright as His promises. 'In His will is our peace.' What is God's will for the United States? Is it not that we should first resolutely turn to Him and then in His name render great service among the nations? 'Give me the portion of goods that falleth unto me,' said the prodigal son in the days of his selfishness. That is the cry of short-sighted nations today. 'Make me as one of Thy hired servants,' he said when he came to himself. That is the prayer for America, the younger son among the nations today."

This, my friends, is not the view of a pessimist but simply facts that the Christian must know and face in order to properly equip himself for adequate service in the distressful day in which he lives. And so viewing a tragic, desperate world the Christian does well to ask himself, "What have I to offer?" Someone has expressed it thus:

"Living in a world of power, professing faith in and relationship to a God of power, how can a Christian commend his faith to his fellows except it be a manifestation and demonstration of power?" Realizing so deeply this needed experience I believe that every true Christian today is hungry for a new awakening of spiritual power so that he might meet the open door of needs that are so glaringly apparent all about him. And this desire has banded us together in united prayer for such an end.

## Preparation of Self

The first step of preparation must be of self. For the Christian cannot cure a sick world when he, himself, is an infectious case of disease. Let us analyze self, and deal strictly with self. I long to do something about it all. Why can't I? Was I burdened and concerned because of the difficulty of winning souls to Christ during the days of prosperity, peace and plenty, when it was easy to feel independent of the Lord? Or did I join the world and sit back in ease and lethargy when I should have been storing up faith and building a relationship with the Lord to stand me in any and all situations—for just such a crisis as this? And now that the lean years are upon us, and people feel insecure, afraid and unhappy, what of myself? Am I joining the world to sit and mourn, or am I alive and awake to the most glorious opportunity of my life? For now the doors are flung wide, and people will listen to one who can bring hope, joy, peace. But I must be able to say to them, "I know He can give joy in the midst of sorrow. I know He gives peace in a world of turmoil. I know the wonderful experience of hope in the heart when the world can offer none. And what He has done for me, He can do for you." Individuals will listen to personal testimony like that, and will embrace a Christ who can live, likewise, in them.

"The individual who exalts Christ in his own life, in his own conversation, in his own daily walk will be a perennial soul winner, and will reap a great and lasting reward."

Let us pray for the cleansing of self. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

## Preparation of Church

Not only must the individual establish a right relationship with God and man, so also must the church. How easy today to have a thriving church, buzzing with activity, running like well greased machinery with a set-up of good organization, man-made plans and human personality. One may go to such a church hungry for spiritual food. He finds a beautiful order of service, a well trained, vested choir, a fine inspirational address by the pastor. It has all been very pleasing but he goes away unsatisfied. What has been wrong? Has the church unknowingly exalted choir, pastor, self, and week after week she has endeavored to serve Christ she is entirely independent of? Has she placed everything else in front where it can be plainly seen and the One she is endeavoring to serve in the background where none may discover Him? "A man was carried in a dream to a church. In his vision he saw the organist vigorously playing the organ, but no sound was heard. The choir and congregation began to sing, but their voices were not heard. Then the minister began energetically to pray, but no tones came from his lips. The man turned in wonder to his angel guide. 'You hear nothing,' said the angel, 'because there is nothing to hear. These people are not engaged in worship, but only in the form of worship. Their hearts are not touched, and this silence is the silence that is yet unbroken in the presence of God. But listen now.' And, listening, the man heard a child's voice, clear and distinct in all that silence, while the minister seemed to pray, and the people seemed to join. Only the child's voice was heard, because only the child's heart was touched. 'Our Father which art in Heaven.' 'That,' said the guide, 'is the only true worship in all this great church today. All the others

are concerned with but the appearance of worship."

Again quoting from Dr. Lawrence: "The divine plan is to evangelize through the churches. They may function many ways but they must function for only one purpose. The one objective for all church activity is that God's Kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let the churches lose their spiritual vitality, let them lose the consciousness of the presence of the living Christ, and they will lose the urge to build the kingdom anywhere. If there is moral and spiritual collapse in our land, could it have broken down without the spiritual devitalization of our churches taking place first? If the churches fail to redeem and save America from moral and spiritual collapse, they cannot be trusted to redeem and save pagan lands. Every great missionary awakening has been preceded by a spiritual awakening in which there has been a rediscovery of Christ, and a revitalization of the churches. This is necessary today."

The church, like the individual, must deny self, take up her cross and follow Him; for "Christ is more clearly seen when the church is behind the cross."

May we, as a church, pray, "Oh, Lord, as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it, I recognize my utter dependence on Thee to meet and serve the needs of man. Make of me a serviceable instrument to show forth the glory and power of Thyself. For without Thee I am nothing. Cleanse me, oh Lord, and use me to Thine honor and glory."

(Continued next week)

THERE'S YOUR WORK, PASTOR  
Eldridge B. Hatcher

Being you are a "Steward of the Grace of God," your church and denomination, I know, are probably loading you with cargoes of tasks and problems, committee meetings, and "movements." But rising high above it all must be your stewardship of the grace of God (Eph. 3:2). That means that you are—as a "good steward"—to handle, and faithfully deal out, to your people that infinitely marvelous program of redemption which was "of Grace"—purely a "Gift," undeserved, and purposed "in Christ before the foundation of the world" and "promised" to Abraham,—yes, to Abraham, who saw Christ's day "and was glad."

Can you find time, amid your multitudinous church distractions, for taking your people on Sundays—and, one by one, in private, in loving fellowship (your richest experience) through that program of Grace. Yes, of Grace. That is the one, supreme word (besides "God") in the Bible. It means that all the treasures in that program (which reaches from eternity to eternity) is offered to us unconditionally. There is nothing we can do to deserve or purchase it. We simply take Him at His word and accept the gift.

In your secret place, O pastor, live in that promise to Abraham which made him so far-seeing and "glad," and let your entire being catch fire with it, and then tell your people about it. Ah, how they will drink it in! Explain to them that the program is all of Grace. Show them how in it are wrapped up the "unsearchable riches of Christ" (verse 8) and the "manifold wisdom of God" (verse 10). Lose yourself behind a locked door in Ephesians 3:1-12, and then go and hand in letters of fire above your pulpit in full view of your congregation the words found in Romans 8:29, 30.

Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Gayle Holcomb becomes music director and educational secretary of First Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

Louisiana Baptists will hold a Statewide Evangelistic Conference with Calvary Church, Alexandria, Feb. 7-9.

C. Daniel Boone, a great, great-grandson of the American pioneer, a prominent banker in Chicago, enters the Episcopal ministry. He believes that the world needs religion more than it needs financial prosperity.



# EDITORIALS

## CONQUERING AND TO CONQUER

While the Book of Revelation has some things which are "hard to understand," and which some who would not plead guilty to the charge of ignorance, wrest to the confusion of many, it will remain that no book in the Bible in the same space has more to teach us about the purpose of God and the working out of his kingdom here in the world. And certainly none more beautifully and forcefully presents the truths and facts than this same Revelation.

Some of these truths are so patent that it seems a child ought not to miss their meaning. Among these is the breaking of the seven seals found, six of them in the sixth chapter. They are a brief portrayal of the opening of the campaign for the establishing of the kingdom of God in the world, the difficulties it encounters, the hardships entailed, the world disturbances which accompany it, the security of God's people through it all, the means employed to attain the end sought. And nobody can fail to see the glorious consummation which is described in the end of the book.

We are concerned here simply with what happened at the opening of the first seal. And we are not concerned with merely the interpretation of a wonderful figure or symbol; our interest is in catching the spirit which is set forth here. It is the Spirit of Victory.

Those who have traversed the street in Berlin known as "Unter den Linden" will recall that at one end is a victory statue of the First Kaiser, William I. It is a heroic figure on horseback, cast in bronze and put upon an immense pedestal or base. The horse is led by a gigantic figure of a woman, representing Germania, the German people. Nobody could see it without admiring the conception here in bronze. At the other end of the same street is what is known as the Parisien Platz, where an immense arch is thrown across the street, under which pass three viaducts. Above this were cast figures emblematic of the victory of Paris in 1870. Behind this immense gateway is a "Victory Column," depicting the progress of the war with France and crowned with a winged figure of victory with a great trumpet to her lips. Thus was it sought to impress upon the people and preserve in a great monument the triumphs of the German people and the establishment of the German Empire.

In the case of Berlin the monuments were erected after the events as memorials. But in the Book of Revelation the vision of victory, yea of victories yet to be achieved, are foreshown in the "White Horse" and the One who sat on him going forth conquering and to conquer. Our young people are generally interested in pageants. Here is one given by divine inspiration. It is the "Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to John to show unto His servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass. And He sent and signified it (made it known by signs) by His angel unto His servant John: who bore witness of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even of all things that he saw."

We must in the beginning of Christian life, in every undertaking for the Lord get the vision of victory in our souls. There is everything to justify this assurance of victory. All of us need to go back and read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah occasionally. We cannot quote it all here. Take a few words of it, "O thou that tellest good things to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength. Life it UP! Be not afraid. Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold thy God. . . . Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? . . . Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are accounted as the small dust of the balance; behold he taketh the isles (continents) as a very little thing."

Or go back and read the first chapter of Joshua, where the Lord commissions him to take the Land of Canaan. Or let us read again our own commission: "All authority in heaven and in earth is given me, go ye therefore." Or about removing mountains with faith the size of a mustard seed. "Nothing shall be impossible to you." Our God is a great God. He ruleth in the hearts of men. The hearts of kings are in his hand. And remember that most of these scriptures referred to were written at a time when the world seemed to be going to pieces, or when impossibilities were confronted, insurmountable difficulties were faced.

The religion of Jesus is a victorious religion. It will never be ready to lay by its armor until the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. The gospel shall be preached to the whole creation. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with crimsoned garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. If like Paul we have a personal experience of salvation, if we know that God can save a sinner such as I am, we know that he can save anybody. This was what gave Paul such confidence, that "in me as chief might Jesus Christ show forth all his long suffering, for an example."

We will have the same victory over the world, when we have gotten the victory within ourselves. If we have suffered defeat in our own lives we need to go back and get this all straightened out. "Beloved if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; and whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." One great need today is the note of victory in our prayers, in our preaching and in all our testimony to Him.

## HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

There can be no question of the close connection between holiness and righteousness. Zachariah associated them in his song when filled with the Spirit he spoke of the people of God being delivered out of the hand of the enemies, "should serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days," Lk. 1:75. And Paul puts them together in Eph. 4:24 when he exhorts Christians to "put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

It behooves us to know the relationship between these two, for they are two of the greatest words in the whole Bible. And there can not be holiness without righteousness; nor can there be righteousness as a permanent possession without holiness. Both words indicate two things, (1) a relationship to God and (2) an actual state of character. The first, the relationship to God, is used of both words to indicate a new relationship into which people are brought by the very fact of becoming Christians. Israel was called a "holy nation" because God had chosen them and set them apart for his own possession (a peculiar people), and gave them a special mission in the world. Christian people occupy this relationship as the "spiritual Israel," a people for God's own possession, sustaining a different relationship to Him from other people. They are the "household of faith"; they are God's children; and so are called "saints." Not because they are sinless, not simply after they get to heaven, but now, in this world.

So also these people, Christian people are "accounted righteous" before God. God looks upon them, feels toward them and deals with them as if they were sinless, even though they are not sinless, and all for Jesus' sake. That is what the Bible means by being justified, counted as just or righteous, through faith in Christ and not because of any works of righteousness of our own.

In the other meaning of the word, holiness and righteousness are imparted to us, produced in us by the working of God the Holy Spirit. Thus we are said to be sanctified by the Holy

Spirit. We are also said to be sanctified by the blood of Jesus. That is accounted holy and righteous because in the sight of God we are cleansed from all unrighteousness by the blood of Jesus.

But what is the difference between holiness and righteousness? And what is the connection between them? We speak now not of the relationship to God, but the condition of men's souls and the conduct of their lives. Both have to do primarily with the condition of the soul. But holiness is primarily a spiritual state, while righteousness deals more with outward conduct. "He that doeth righteousness is righteous." But holiness is that quality of soul which makes the Christian like God in his attitude toward what is right and wrong, what is true and false.

Holiness is of the very essence of God. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." And if we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not the truth." Our God is a consuming fire." Isaiah's ministry really began when he heard the flaming ones chanting, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Jehovah of Hosts." Any conception of God that leaves this out is bound to result in failure to any servant of God.

Holiness is not only being right and doing right; it is loving righteousness and hating iniquity. It is righteousness heated white hot. It makes the word of God a devouring flame. It makes the child of God a flaming evangel. It is righteousness regnant. It is the touch of God that transforms dullness and drudgery into glory and delight. It is that which makes righteousness a living, breathing, conquering thing. It makes righteousness secure, permanent and victorious. Righteousness cannot continue to survive without holiness. Wood will not heat your room nor cook your meals, but a wood fire will do all this. Holiness is necessary to real righteousness. You may have formal or imitation righteousness without it, but not real righteousness.

There can be no holiness without the Holy Spirit. That is why He is called the Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of Holiness. We cannot serve God except "in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives." And Paul says that the new man is "created after God (that is after the likeness of God) in righteousness and holiness of the truth." If we ever expect to become like God, to reproduce His image and His life, we must reckon with righteousness and holiness.

Paul speaks of "righteousness and holiness of the truth." He means the righteousness and holiness which is produced in men by the truth. The Holy Spirit uses in us and we use the truth of God to produce righteousness and holiness. It is not a sudden experience wrought by a momentary transformation. It is a process which requires diligent use of the word of God, regular and familiar contact with it. We are transfigured by the renewing of our minds. We are "sanctified in the truth."

**Warning: Boys representing themselves as from the Baptist Orphanage have been soliciting subscriptions to magazines out in the state. They are frauds. Please announce this to your people.**

**In the past twelve months First Church, Ruston, La., has paid off a \$30,000 church debt. Truett L. Scarborough, chairman of the board of deacons, has led the movement. The pastor for the past 18 months is W. E. B. Lockridge.**

**The editor was permitted to participate in the Southeast Mississippi Pastors' Conference Monday. Arriving a little late after a long drive we heard only a part of the reports from pastors. They were full of confidence and hope. Dr. Gates spoke on what a revival will do for our churches, and the brethren listened to him as always with great interest and respect. Pastor J. W. Middleton spoke on What a revival will do for our colleges. The brethren liked it so well that they asked him to furnish it for publication in the Record. Pastor Reedy of Lumberton spoke all too briefly on what a revival will do for the homes. After lunch and a business session the editor spoke on the connection between the eighth and the ninth chapters of Romans. It is worth going a long way to be in a company of brethren like these.**



CLARKSDALE LINES UP

By your own action, the Baptist Record has been placed in the 1939 budget, and all the families of the church will receive this valuable Baptist news organ. This is not entirely an innovation, for as you know, we have been sending this paper to one hundred families during the year of 1938, varying the names from time to time.

This is a most significant step in our procedure. It undoubtedly will have great bearing on the forward movement of our church. All the news of this religious issue will be brought to our homes. We will be enabled to read about our Baptist happenings and thereby form intelligent conclusions about the policies, needs, and accomplishments of the denomination. We will have more interest in what we know about, and feel that we are a part in the moving drama of Baptist activities. We can feel the pulse of great facts as they pulsate through the printed form, and our alignment as loyal Baptists to all of our efforts will bring to us the realization of personal obligations and privileges.

We live in a day when literature of all purposes and designs literally rains down upon the American public. Much of this enters our homes, and some of it is rather undermining, some most constructive and some of no value at all. Very little of this vast amount will sense the importance and serve the value at as little cost as will the Baptist Record. No other will stamp itself with the constructive influence, determinative zeal and the cogent Christian logic as this religious paper.

I congratulate you upon this telling venture, and may you have reading enjoyment and join with me in the hope for strong motivating, moulding and missionizing results as our strong compensation for any cost, all to the glory of God.

Fraternally,

N. D. Timmerman.

Church member revival, Crystal Springs, March 5-12. Pray with them, Pastor A. B. Pierce.

Last Sunday morning First Church of Brookhaven received a telegram from Dr. S. H. Jones of Marion, Ala., indicating his acceptance of the call to its pastorate. The church is happy and hopeful in his coming Feb. 1st. Dr. Jones was while a student in the Baptist Bible Institute pastor of some churches near Brookhaven and is not unknown to many of them.

Shaw: Every Sunday witnesses from three to seven additions to our church. Some for baptism and some by letter. The Lord is graciously blessing us. My heart is humbled as I see these fine people responding to the Lord's messages. Please send me a list of all subscribers that I might check up and see if any are being overlooked.—C. M. Day.

According to brother B. C. Cox, who attended the State Convention of Associational Sunday School workers, Picayune First Church is now having the best Sunday school in several years. Last Sunday the attendance was 356. All departments are showing greater interest and the spirit of the people is fine. Picayune had eight representatives at the Jackson meeting.

Results of the revival held recently at the Prentiss Baptist Church by the new pastor, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, when 23 members were received into the church, are still being felt. Members are being received at almost every preaching service, five coming the past Sunday, four by letter and one by profession of faith. Dr. Holcomb came from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church to take the place of Dr. L. E. Green who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Poplarville Baptist Church. Dr. Holcomb and his good wife have found their places in Prentiss and are doing a wonderful work. He is a fine, consecrated preacher of the Word; a loyal, sympathetic, devoted pastor, and is tireless in his search for, and in his efforts to win lost souls to Christ. We praise God for his coming to labor with us. With our beautiful new building and fine services of our pastor, the Prentiss Baptist Church is expecting the very best year in its history for the Master.—Reporter.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"



BAPTIST RECORD CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 15,735

A WORTHY PROGRAM

So far as we know, the church at Philadelphia, of which Rev. Scotchie McCall is pastor, does more to provide good literature for its members than any other church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

For some years the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan has been in operation and beginning January first, their program includes the Commission (Foreign Mission Magazine) and the Home Board magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions.

Also, they have a well equipped library and the 1939 program includes a tract fund and a library fund.

The 1939 program is as follows: January, S. S. Study Course; Course in Christian Citizenship.

February, Library Study Course.  
March, Church Music Study Course.  
April, Sunday School Enlargement Campaign-Revival.

May, V. B. S. Study Course.  
June, B. T. U. Study Course.  
August, Vacation Bible School-Revival.  
October, B. T. U. Enlargement Campaign.  
November, Stewardship Study Courses.  
December, Christmas Program.

From the many fine reports of the work at Philadelphia, we certainly believe that the EF Plan does help.

Utica:

Utica seems to be banner conscious. At the recent Associational BTU meeting they took four banners for the second time in succession.

G. Whitfield Simmons is the BTU director. And the Sunday School is making equal progress under the able leadership of general superintendent, Prof. M. F. Herring. For eight years they have been a standard school. For twelve years no junior who was a regular attendant has gone out of that department unsaved.

We were impressed by the large number of children in the morning preaching service and by the fact that the Sunday School was practically 100% in making any offering.

For the past year, Utica has had the EF plan and they like it. The pastor publicly stated that he believed that the EF plan had helped finances at least \$500 during 1938.

The WMU, led by Mrs. M. F. Herring, is doing excellent work and helps to keep the missionary fires burning.

Rev. Owen Williams is the pastor at Utica, and has the rare ability of wise leadership as well as preaching ability.

Hinds County's subscribers are listed as follows: CLINTON 129 and 14 R. F. D.; Jackson, Calvary 30; Jackson First 40, Jackson 73; JACKSON DAVIS MEMORIAL 115, Dixon 2, Utica 65, SALEM 12, Oakley 1, Raymond 14, POCAHONTAS 21, Edwards 1, Terry 13, New Hope 1, New Salem 5, VAN WINKLE 30, BETHESDA 61, DEULAH, SIWELL 9.

THEY NEEDED THE RECORD

Dr. Alldredge reports that approximately 300 churches in Mississippi had no baptisms last year. So far as we know, not one of the churches has the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

MORE PROOF

The First Baptist Church of Canton gave approximately \$3,000 more last year than the year before. They gave twice as much to the Cooperative Program last year as the year before. LAST YEAR they had the EF plan. The year before they did NOT have it.

THE RECORD DOES HELP

We have had a fine year. Going to full time a year ago with an enlarged budget, we have met every bill when due. All bills and salaries are paid for 1938, and we are going into 1939 with money in the treasury. We had the Record in the Budget on the Every Family Plan, and expect to keep it there. We are raising our pledge to the Co-operative Program for 1939. This has been an easy year for us financially. It is ideal for a Pastor when he can preach stewardship without having to appeal to the church because of its needs. Our people have responded graciously by the N. T. Plan "Every Lord's Day."

J. B. Smith, Ackerman, Miss.

MORE PROOF

Dear Brother Goodrich:

Already I can see increased interest in denominational affairs on the part of the Camden members, for they have recently been reading the Baptist Record. Thereby it becomes a valuable asset to the pastor and the Kingdom work.

I wish for you much continued success in putting the Record in the homes of our Baptist folk.

Very sincerely,

B. Dolfis Hardin.

"I don't feel like I can get along without the Record. I have received a good many issues, any one of which was worth more than the whole year's subscription price."

Mrs. Lettie Scott, Crandall, Miss.

"We the New Zion church appreciate the Every Family Plan and want it continued. Enclosed is our payment for next month."

J. B. Gonias, Pastor,  
Braxton, Miss.

Crystal Springs has a new broadcasting station. Pastor A. B. Pierce spoke three afternoons this week at 2:15-2:30. The station is WSLI.

The work at Ponca City, Okla., under Dr. A. F. Crittendon, continues to grow. The Sunday school recently reached the 813 mark with preaching and B. T. U. attendance correspondingly high. They have an expansion program which includes paying off the old building debt, building a suburban mission, paving and beautifying the grounds, refinishing the auditorium. A pipe organ is a part of the 1940 program.

Many would be surprised to know how often laymen speak of the lack of courage and boldness on the part of pastors in undertaking advance movements for the work of the kingdom. Well, Paul asked people to pray for him that he might open his mouth with boldness to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, that utterance might be given him (liberty) that he might speak with boldness as he ought to speak. There is no use of preaching if it is not done with boldness. And no man can lead who hasn't courage.

D. Monroe Simmons died December 31, 1938, and was buried from the family home east of Osyka the next day, services being conducted by Rev. J. Price Brock and Rev. F. W. Gunn. He was 87 years old, and had been for more than half a century an active and faithful member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. It was said of him by brother Gunn that he was a good churchman, a careful business man, a law-abiding citizen, without hypocrisy, and open and above board in his dealings. Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Rhoda Simmons; a granddaughter, Mrs. Madge Simmons Cooper, Hammond, La.; and a grandson, Rex Simmons.—H.L.S.



### CONFERENCE OF SEMINARY FACULTIES

W. W. Hamilton, Baptist Bible Institute  
New Orleans, La.

President John R. Sampey and Dr. Jesse B. Weatherspoon of the Louisville Seminary, President W. W. Hamilton and Dr. E. F. Haight and Dr. J. Wash Watts of the Baptist Bible Institute, and President Lee R. Scarborough and the faculty of Southwestern Seminary gathered on Seminary Hill January 5 and 6 for the second annual meeting of seminary faculties.

Two days were spent in most helpful conferences, and the visitors were given a cordial hospitable reception by President and Mrs. Scarborough and the Southwestern faculty and student family. Dr. Sampey spoke at the first chapel period and Dr. Hamilton at the second. A reception with special music and dinners together and other social occasions gave opportunity for the finest fellowship.

The conferences, with different ones presiding, and with all taking part, centered around such topics as comparative study of curricula and content of courses with requirements for degrees, the urging of men without academic preparation who are called of God to come to the seminaries for study, the enlarging of plans for helping Negro preachers and leaders, the endeavor to meet the increasing demands by our pastors and churches for trained assistants, the co-ordination of Bible work in colleges with the regular courses given in the seminaries and the needed emphasis upon a preaching ministry along with teaching and administration.

Special attention was called to the great part the Hundred Thousand Club is having in the paying of the debts on our three Southwide institutions. A plea is being made to every alumnus to become a member, and to sign on the dotted line as many as possible from every congregation. A full response to this plea will soon pay every obligation we have.

Endowment of the three institutions was a subject of major concern, and the methods already being used for bringing this matter to the attention of our people were discussed at length. Dr. Sampey explained the "Units of Five," which the Louisville Seminary has adopted, and commended it to others who desired to use the same plan. Dr. Scarborough and Dr. Hamilton reported progress in work with individuals for cash gifts and for bequests. The response is encouraging.

The belief was expressed that our seminary faculties and students can do much more in emphasizing the highest ideals of Christian life, the conquering of worldiness in our churches, the strengthening of moral convictions, and that the minister must be God's prophet even at the cost of sacrifice and suffering. All present engaged in an extended season of prayer for our seminaries, our churches, our preachers, our cooperative program, and for our denominational progress and integrity and strength.

Commendation was given to the plan of having an address on theological education at the State Conventions. Attention was called to the possibility that any social security action by congress including Baptist ministers would involve our well known position on the separation of church and state. A committee was appointed to investigate and report on possible arrangement for summer schools of theology. The Review and Expositor management of Louisville made request that each seminary appoint an associate editor, and this was referred to each faculty for action.

Dr. Scarborough said that as long as the three seminaries stayed together as they now are it would be impossible to divide Southern Baptists. The conference was one of genuine fellowship and cooperation. The next annual meeting will be held in New Orleans January 4, 5, 1940, with

### THE PASTORAL PROBLEM

By Gordon Hurlbutt, Th.D.

The Baptist Record has asserted that the New Testament knows nothing of a man's being pastor of more than one church, and adds: "The man who proudly tells you he is pastor of half a dozen or more churches is not pastor at all." A beloved and useful brother protested the latter assertion. Let us see.

The word "pastor" is Latin for "shepherd." In the New Testament the true shepherd is not only an occasional feeder, but also a constant protector from danger (John 10:12). Today, at least the young sheep in every flock (church) are beset by wolves as never before, and need constant watchcare. The paved highway and the automobile have brought even the country churches within the range of city temptations.

If the New Testament, preaching is only a part of the pastoral function—if even a part, strictly speaking. In Ephesians 4:11, the prophet rather than the pastor seems to be the nearest equivalent to the preacher (the Biblical prophet is primarily an inspired forth-teller, only incidentally a fore-teller). "Pastors and teachers" are indicated together, with the implication that teaching rather than preaching (evangelizing and prophesying) belongs to the pastoral office. Successful spiritual teaching requires constant closeness of contact.

The New Testament division of the ministry (Eph. 4:11ff) provides for at least two different ministers in a church, namely "prophets" (preachers for the church itself) and "pastors and teachers," even assuming that pastor and teacher are one ("apostles" of special authority are no more, and "evangelists" in the New Testament are pioneer preachers, from not in the churches). Expecting one man to discharge all the functions of the ministry is expecting more than God Himself requires. No wonder most churches are, at best, only half effective.

One man cannot be truly pastor of even one church too large to allow close contact with the members. Many of God's sheep are sadly missing personal pastoral counsel and comfort. A friend of mine who is a prominent denominational official and a member of a large city church sadly remarked to me, "I have no pastor." What of the many thousands who need a pastor far more than he?

The complexity of modern church machinery and community life makes it very difficult for a man to find time to be a real pastor to a church of even average size. In the average full-time church as now organized and affiliated, the so-called pastor is like Gulliver in the land of the giants, racing up and down the keys of the huge piano and striving for dear life to keep up the tune. We must return to the New Testament plan of pastoral work, or our churches are doomed to failure, whatever seeming success they may achieve. Pastors must set themselves to confining their attention to "prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4), refusing to "serve tables" (Acts 6:2) or to meet the ceaseless demands of secular movements and organizations and of the general ecclesiastical systems in which the churches are chained. In due time the general work will be better supported if the pastors tend the souls of God's sheep.

In many cases, one or two churches of a larger number in a present charge would support a far better work, and better support the pastor, if all his time were given to the one or two. (Incidentally, thus there would be more fields, using many ministers now without work.) I know a Mississippi minister who complains of the stinginess

the Baptist Bible Institute. Dr. J. Wash Watts was re-elected as secretary, and was asked to serve another year.

of his people and of lack of results in his work. His letterheads name ten churches in his charge; also, he boasts of traveling many thousands of miles in the year, and of doing enough other things for all one man's time. Another so-called pastor who was known to meet all the passenger trains heard a deacon speak of his failure with the church. "What more can I do?" whined the cleric. The deacon answered, "Well, you might meet the freight trains too." Many a man in the pastoral office is nearly everything but a pastor.

Where possible, fourth time churches should go to at least half time, even if doing so requires uniting with other small churches. Making a monthly visit is not being pastor. The money and time and energy thus spent are largely wasted, and such waste is tragic in its total. I once had a fourth time charge requiring a round-trip of nearly three hundred miles; and a church only four miles from mine was visited monthly, on the same Sundays, by a brother who had to make a round-trip of nearly five hundred miles! Yet, vain were my efforts to effect union of the two churches, I of course had to withdraw. In most churches sentiment is stronger than sense. But intelligent Christians now realize that, with only a monthly visitor for p"astor," no church can meet the multitude of modern distractions and demands; that, in fact, a non-resident is not pastor at all.

Point Clear, Alabama.

### BAPTISTS OF RUMANIA APPEAL TO CAROL

Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 21—Alleging that over 1,600 of their places of worship in Rumania have been closed, the Baptist Union of today appealed direct to King Carol for redress. During the King's recent visit to England an influential British church delegation handed to the Rumanian Foreign Minister a petition to King Carol on the subject of the threat to the Baptist churches in this country.

In their telegram today the Rumanian Baptists say:

"The liberties we have enjoyed for 75 years have been taken away. Baptists are loyal to their country and the throne. There are neither Communists nor Iron Guards in our ranks.

"Over 1,602 places of worship have been closed. One hundred and twenty thousand strong, the Baptists of Rumania beg his Majesty to relieve them from the burdensome decree which has closed their churches, and have been recognized as a lawful cult."

In Kishinev, the capital of Bessarabia, thirty Baptists were yesterday taken before the Military Court. In the Banat province, where there are 10,000 Baptists, all churches were sealed and all money taken by the authorities, and an inventory of all properties was made. Lawful organizations set up by the Baptists under which property is held were dissolved.

It is alleged that the Minister of Cults, a bishop of the Orthodox church, has stated that he will resign his post before permitting a single Baptist church to be reopened without fulfilling the decree of last June, which requires the signatures of fifty heads of families for the conduct of a place of worship. The Baptists say that among their 1,602 places of worship there are only fourteen that can fulfill the conditions of the decree.—Reuter.

—From Manchester Guardian.

Rev. J. A. Fortner comes from Alabama to be pastor for half time at Stonewall.

Richmond, Virginia, January 5, 1939—The Foreign Mission Board received this morning the following cablegram: "Shiuchow residences bombed. Extensive damage. Kweilin Hospital destroyed. All safe."—Charles A. Hayes, M.D.

# A Million Men Reading Baptist Papers

## Baptist Brotherhood of the South



## News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

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### DECEMBER RECEIPTS HOME MISSION BOARD, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Cooperative Program .....	\$21,304.05
Hundred Thousand Club .....	3,215.77
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Special Designations .....	1,751.66
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$26,431.83</b>
<b>Total, December, 1937 .....</b>	<b>24,285.07</b>
<b>Increase (nearly 9%) .....</b>	<b>2,146.76</b>

### BOARDS HEARS ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Encouraging reports of evangelistic results and of progress on mission fields were brought to the Home Mission Board at its monthly meeting January 5 by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism, and Miss Wilma Bucy, field representative.

The evangelistic leader, having closed a city-wide campaign Sunday in the Baptist churches in El Paso, Texas, said that he would go the last of the month to Miami, Florida, to set up an organization for a similar revival there in March, and in the meantime he will attend statewide conferences sponsored by the Sunday School Board.

"Invitations to conduct city-wide campaigns in every major city in the South have been received in the past few months," Doctor Leavell, leader of the Southwide Baptist Revival which has as its goal a revival this year in each of over 24,000 Baptist Churches, said.

Miss Bucy, following three months in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, said that the mission work of the board is showing real progress on every field.

Five new missionaries were named at the recent meeting. Including three for work in Texas, one for Louisiana, and one for Baltimore, Maryland, the new appointees are Rev. G. L. Stanley, Chinese work, San Antonio, Texas; Miss Georgia Duncan, French field, Pineville, La.; Rev. and Mrs. Reynoldo Tijerino, Mexican missionaries, Raymondsville, Texas; Mrs. Geo. B. Johnson, work among foreigners, Baltimore, Md.

A continued increase in offerings for December was reported by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, \$26,431.83 having been received last month, this amount being \$2,146.76 more than was received in December the previous year.

### AGED MISSIONARY, CONFINED TO HOSPITAL, CONTINUES WORK

Although confined to the hospital herself on account of the infirmities of age—this "young" missionary of the Home Mission Board being only eighty-six—Miss Mary E. Kelly continues her good work of distributing Bibles and tracts.

Her most recent distributions have been to three young men who came to the hospital at Du Quoin, Illinois, following accidents in the coal mines, and two nurses in the hospital.

The three men were from Christopher, where Miss Kelly has been at work among the foreigners for many years. One a Croatian and the other Poles, they were glad to receive the Testaments, and began reading them at once, according to Miss Kelly.

"I had a good talk with the Croatian this morning when he came in his wheel chair to see me," says Miss Kelly. "He is thirty-one years old, and was hurt in the mines once before, but not

so badly as this time. I told him I was praying for him, and he said, 'I know you are, and I thank you.'"

The two nurses to whom Miss Kelly recently gave Bibles are Polish sisters, both Catholics.

"I had been feeling for some time that they were ready for a Bible," Miss Kelly continues. "When I gave the Bible to one of them and one for her sister, I wish you could have seen how happy she was over it. I am praying they will have a chance to read their Bibles, and the Lord will open their hearts so they will become honest, faithful Christians. They are fine girls."

The closing words of this octogenarian missionary, whose eighty-seventh birthday will be March 17, are: "Everybody is good to me."

### TALENTED VOICES NOW DEDICATED TO GOD

The conversion of a talented husband and wife who had been very popular among their worldly friends has brought distinct advancement on his field, according to Rev. J. G. Sanchez, Spanish missionary missionary in New Mexico.

The young couple, both of whom have beautiful voices, had formerly sung at celebrations and feasts given by their friends.

"Christ made such a change in this couple that now they are using their voices to glorify our Lord Jesus with their singing," says the missionary.

A few days ago, he continues, they were invited to sing at one of the clubs of the city, to which invitations they replied, "If you want to enjoy our voices, come next Sunday to our Spanish Baptist church, and you will enjoy our singing more than ever before."

The worldly friend replied that he had forgotten that the couple were now Protestants.

"I beg your pardon," promptly replied the new convert. "We are not Protestants, but Baptists, which is better than being protestants."

### MEXICAN LAYMAN LEADS WOMAN TO CHRIST

Recently when an unsaved woman on the field of Missionary P. H. Pierson at Kennedy, Texas, became ill with pneumonia, she sent for a neighbor who is a member of the Baptist church.

"I sent for you because I want you to read the word of God to me," she said.

He opened his Bible and read several passages, to which she listened attentively. Then he asked her if she would take Christ as her Saviour. She readily said that she would.

"Should you recover your health, will you be ready to obey your Saviour?" he asked.

She answered that she would.

"Should the Lord take you now, are you ready to go?" he asked.

"I am ready," she replied. "Jesus is my Saviour."

A few hours later she passed away.

### ELEVEN PROFESSIONS IN SAN ANTONIO

In a Bible class conducted recently in a Catholic home by Miss Amelia Diaz, Mexican missionary in San Antonio, there were eleven professions, four men, five women, and two girls.

"We are glad to see all of these souls come to Christ," says the missionary. "They are interested in the Word of God."

Bucknell University, Baptist school in Pennsylvania, received gifts in 1938 of \$625,000.00. Here is planting seeds which will fruit for generations.

### NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR A BAPTIST

Richmond, Virginia—Japan's new ambassador, Mr. Kensuki Horinouchi and his wife arrived in Washington the week before Christmas. On their way across the continent and upon arriving in Washington, they received many cordial greetings from Baptists.

Mr. and Mrs. Horinouchi are earnest, active members of the Koishi Kawa Baptist Church of Tokyo. Mrs. Horinouchi's zeal for souls and quiet witnessing have lead many into the kingdom's fold.

From Southern Baptist's former missionary Hermon S. Ray, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Inglewood, California, comes this comment: "I have had two rich days in Seattle with 'Ambassador-for-Christ' Ken Horinouchi and his spiritual wife, en route to Washington. Pray that the real Christians of Washington, as those of Seattle, may welcome them and make them feel at home in these difficult days when many Christians forget to be Christians. If you could have witnessed the three intimate hours of fellowship I had with them in Quiet Time, sharing Bible reading, prayer and breakfast in the presidential suite of the Olympic Hotel yesterday morning, or sat in our circle, hearing their simple testimonies of God's love and power changing their lives, at the informal tea yesterday in a beautiful home of a friend, you would rejoice. Please pray daily for this important Japanese man and his wife."

### DESPERATE NEEDS IN CHINA

Richmond, Virginia—For months the Foreign Mission Board has been telling Southern Baptists of the urgent call for help daily coming from the missionaries in China. Many have responded, but not nearly enough.

One would readily say that it is sacrifice sufficient to Southern Baptists' 160 missionaries to China to remain in their stations in spite of privations of food and necessities and dangers of death, but it is suffering unbearable for them to face these open doors of opportunity without funds sufficient to meet the most tragic needs.

There are several million little Chinese children orphaned by bombs. The missionaries and Christian co-workers are the only friends of these wonder-eyed, sad, hungry little children whose bright minds make them great possibilities for the Kingdom of God in China—if Southern Baptists will only save them from starvation now.

The wounded, the sick, the expectant young mothers, victims of the rape of last summer, the old grandmothers, maimed soldiers—all these turn yearning faces to the missionaries.

And every crumb and every garment and every ministry are done in the name of Christ with the telling and retelling of the Story-of-Salvation along with the living-out of the Story-of-Love.

Gifts for the missionaries to use in this work may be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, or to The Church Committee for China Relief, 105 E. 22 Street, New York City.

Dr. B. W. Graham of Georgia who has just published his book, "Fifty Years in the Ministry," will have the sympathy of a host of friends on account of the recent death of his wife.

There can be great help and inspiration in conferences, but we must keep in mind that the actual work of the kingdom must be done back at home in our churches.

The Watchman-Examiner quotes Longfellow as saying in answer to the question how he remained fresh in old age, that his apple tree blossomed and fruited beautifully every year, because it grew a little new wood every year.

# A Million Men Reading Baptist Papers

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We rejoice to announce that Mississippi went over her quota to Royal Service in 1938. However, we determine our own quota by adding 5% to the number sent in the year before.

For the year 1939, our quota is 5,750. Let's all determine to have Royal Service in our homes this year to stimulate the missionary spirit.

Next week we will tell you about our Institutes. They have been unusual in interest and enthusiasm.

A personal letter from Mrs. S. E. Ayers to her family in Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Dear Mother and Dad:

Two or three times lately my better judgment has said to me that I should be getting some letters ready just in case I did have a way to send them out, but like most things that should be done, the letter writing got put off. Now I have a chance to send the letters out by Dr. Watson, young New Zealand Red Cross doctor, who has been helping us here, who is going home tomorrow. There is only one possible way out of this place now and he is going to try that. He can go overland on a donkey's back or in a ricksha to the place where the Yellow River changed its course, cross the river by rowboat, and then continue to Kaifeng by cart or donkey back. It is a rather difficult trip, especially when compared to the old method of going two hours by train, but Dr. Watson is young and ready for any sort of adventure. He came out on a six months' contract to do Red Cross work here in our hospital. His term is up and he is heading back to New Zealand. I think he has had about all of China and war that he can stand for awhile. We like him very much and shall miss him when he is gone. His going means that Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Chao and Emmett will have to see about one hundred and fifty patients each, per day. It has been hard enough to get around with four doctors here, but it is going to be much harder now.

No words that I could use could give you a true picture of the wretched conditions of these people. About one-half of the fifty thousand people left in Chengchow are refugees from war areas. They left their homes, many of them while it was still warm weather, and now they have no winter clothing, no homes, no food. With funds contributed from American Advisory Committee, Southern Baptists, International Red Cross, etc., the missionaries here are doing all they can to help. We hardly seem to scratch the surface, though, and we get rather discouraged. We have two refugee camps here, one of them with about two thousand people, and another with about a thousand people. We feed them twice each day—sometimes their supper consists entirely of millet, and we distribute such clothing as we can get for them. Right now efforts are being made to get as many of them as possible back to their homes across the river. We have about one hundred refugees as in-patients in the hospital all the time, and the doctors see about one hundred and fifty in out-patient department every day. With so many to see, it is impossible for the doctors to give them the very best care. Emmett and Dr. Humphrey both sit here some nights and almost weep over the inadequacy of what they do, yet I feel that it is lots after all, for even if they just have time to smear ointment on sores, at least the sore feels more comfortable for the time being, and that's more care than the patient has had for some time.

I have got back into the swing of things again, but it takes all my time to keep up with the office work and the bit of teaching I do. Then, too, I still run this boarding house. Dr. Watson is

leaving tomorrow, but there is another young foreigner over in the city waiting to move right in. He hasn't been staying here because I had no bed for him. Grace and Katie's place began to fill up with women just about the time some of my doctors were leaving, so I let them have some beds. They take the women and I take the men. We feel dreadfully isolated here in Chengchow now, yet there is always some passing, so we do get a bit of news occasionally. However, we have had no news from American sources for three months now, and our last mail from Mrs. Fielder and the children in Hongkong came in October 12. It was almost a month old. All the territory north, east and west of us is occupied, and it looks as if the west will soon be also. Chengchow will then be enveloped. It is not likely that there will be any fighting here. We still have the radio, and can get world news so long as we can run our electric light plant. We may have to quit running that if we can't get some Diesel oil from somewhere.

I don't mind the isolation so much if we can get letters, but I surely don't like being without mail. We haven't even been able to get a telegram through to the children. Dr. Watson is going to Hongkong to get his boat to New Zealand so he is taking letters to Bill and Virginia, but that doesn't mean we will get anything from them. Dr. Humphrey can't hear from his family in Chfoo, and they can't hear from him. We all sent a wire to the ambassador on his gunboat last week, and asked that our relatives be notified that we are well and safe. I hope that message eventually got to you. We never know whether our telegrams get through or not. We are learning to do without such things as vanilla flavoring, cocoa, tinned goods, cold cream (you should see my hands after a few days of this cold weather and hard water) good soap, coal oil, floor oil, etc., etc., and find we really don't need them, but we can't get used to doing without our letters, papers and magazines. I am beginning to understand some of the hardships our pioneer missionaries had to undergo. And when I think of going through Christmas without Bill and Virginia, I almost sink under. I am just trying to keep buoyed up on the thought that it won't be long until spring when it is quite possible that we may get out in time to go see Bill graduate. If we don't, I suppose he will just about be through college before I see him again. For the first time I am beginning to realize the meaning of missionary denial! None of us has really felt it before. I envy the Strothers. They are shut off in Pochow, almost like prisoners, but they are all together. We got a letter by messenger from them about two weeks ago, and they are all well, but they have had a lonely year of it.

But enough of this hard luck wailing. We still have lots left to enjoy. We have our dairy, chickens, plenty of vegetables, persimmons, the canned stuff the cook worked so hard putting up out of the garden this summer, our faithful servants, our station members, (except the Fielders, and we really don't know where Mr. F. is, and are a bit uneasy about him, though our surmise is that he got to Hankow just in time for the turnover, and now can't get out), and loads of things to be thankful for. I come home from the refugee camps feeling that I ought to give away at least half of what I have, because it is so much in comparison with what the refugees have. My garden was simply lovely this year. Never have the dahlias been so gorgeous or the chrysanthemums so enormous. I had one plant with 19 enormous white blooms on it, but I gave it to Grace for her birthday. (Shops are just about all closed here so we can't get gifts. Those I bought in

Shanghai had to be left in Hongkong because we couldn't bring much baggage by plane). The garden will soon be gone but I shall always have the feeling that the good Father let it be especially beautiful this year just to comfort me. I have never seen such a blaze of salvia as we had, nor such large asters and verbenas. These are descendants of the seeds Lilian sent me when I first came here. Please tell her she was certainly represented in Chengchow this fall!

Emmett is holding up fairly well under the strain of so much work and responsibility, but I doubt if you would recognize him if you were to see him. His hair is almost snow white and his face is beginning to be lined like an old man's. He has undertaken more than any one man could hope to get away with even under the best of circumstances. We have all had relief from blood and carnage lately as we have had no real air raids since the fall of Hankow. We are all getting so we eat our meals a bit more leisurely now that we don't have to rush out to the trenches.

It will be Christmas when this reaches you. We shall be thinking of you a great deal on that day. Do not feel too sorry for us, for we shall probably have a quiet, prayerful day with our Chinese brothers and sisters. Certainly we would not spend the time merry-making if we could, but what a joy it would be if we could have the children just for the tree and for dinner anyhow! My heart aches for Dr. Humphrey, for he is a new missionary and has never been separated from his wife and little girl before. He is taking the separation in a true missionary spirit, and has proved himself already a man of God. Pray for all of us. We as yet can see no end to this chaos and carnage, and our souls are sick of it. I hope by the time this reaches you we shall have heard from home. Nevertheless, I want you to sit right down and write me when you get this. How is Grandma? All the children? Give me the whole history for the past three or four months. It may be that by time your letter can get out here, we will be in communication with Shanghai again (we still can reach Shanghai by telegraph). Remember us to all the friends and relatives, and wish them all a happy Christmas for us.  
Winnie.

In speaking of what a revival will do in our churches, Dr. L. G. Gates said that if the newspapers were to report for one Sunday's service that a famous highwayman had been converted, it would create a sensation throughout the nation. Then he remarked that it would be just as truly a work of miraculous grace to know that in our churches the people who have been systematically robbing God by not giving Him a tenth should have been converted from the error of their ways. Occasionally you see in the papers something about a burglar breaking into a church and stealing the Sunday's collection. We forget that it is just as great a sin for a Christian to fail or refuse to give God what belongs to Him, from our regular income. In astonishment some one asked the prophet, "Will a man rob God?" And the Lord answers "Ye have robbed me . . . in tithes and offerings."

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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

### THE JEWS, GOD'S CHOSEN

This is not intended as a history  
of the Jews or a full statement of  
them, but merely some things rela-  
tive to this nation of people. In-  
deed, it is a nation, and God's cho-  
sen nation, though it is now scatter-  
ed and has no place it can call home;  
but this will not be ever thus. We  
may not live to see it, but according  
to prophecy, the Jews will one day  
be located in Palestine and be a real  
nation again. All may not agree  
with this idea of the meaning of  
prophecy.

Speaking of the Jews, the Ency-  
clopedia says: "The name of a people  
belonging to the Semitic family of  
nations. Originally it designated  
the members of the tribe of Judah;  
then the citizens of the Kingdom of  
Judah, which included various ethnic  
elements; later the inhabitants of  
Judea under foreign rule or tempor-  
arily independent, as under the Has-  
moneans; and finally all followers  
of the Jewish religion, whether they  
lived in Palestine or were dispersed  
among the nations, who were de-  
scendants of the ancient occupants  
of Judea, traced their lineage to any  
of the tribes of Israel, or were prose-  
lytes to the faith."

Strictly speaking, a Jew is a de-  
scendant of Judah; but it is pretty  
well understood that any Israelite  
today is a Jew. I am of the opinion  
that large numbers of the so-called  
lost tribes of Israel wandered back  
to Judea, and many Jews over the  
world today are of those so-called  
lost tribes of Israel.

The Jews are still the chosen  
people of God. He has not forgot-  
ten them nor finally cast them off.  
The Bible says of them, "Touch not  
mine anointed and do my prophets  
no harm." These nations that are  
persecuting the Jews today have  
their day coming. They are going  
to be punished for their evil treat-  
ment of the chosen people. God may  
bear long with them, but His judg-

ment is sure to fall on them. We  
older ones may not live to see it,  
but you younger people will likely  
do so, when Germany, Italy, Russia  
and other nations who have abused  
the Jews will be destroyed. It is  
inevitable according to God's word.

The Jews may now be on their way  
back to Palestine. They are being  
driven out of other nations, so per-  
haps the world will finally settle on  
Palestine as the final settlement of  
the Jews. One thing sure, the Jews  
are going back to the land given to  
them through Abraham.

News Item—"The congregation of  
Duck Hill Baptist church has called  
Dr. C. S. Thomas of Itta Bena as  
pastor of the local church. He will  
begin his duties January 8th. Dr.  
Thomas is now serving the First  
Baptist church of Itta Bena, where  
he has been for several years."

A letter from one of the deacons  
of Pittsboro Baptist church, Calhoun  
county, informs us that the church  
had not at that time settled on all  
the program for next year. This is  
one of our good churches and has  
some of the best members residing  
there. Nine years have been my  
stay with these delightful people.

The death of Dr. E. W. Barnett  
at his home at Standing Pine, Leake  
county, several days ago, was a dis-  
tinct loss to the church there. For  
long years, he had been clerk, and  
one of the leading members of Stand-  
ing Pine Baptist church. He was my  
friend and I mourn his going. To  
his wife and children, and all be-  
reaved, I extend sympathy.

Rev. B. E. Phillips of Newhebron  
informs me that he has been sick  
with a cold. For about one-fourth  
of a century he has been pastor of  
Newhebron Baptist church and other  
Baptist churches in the southern  
part of our state, and has done a  
great work. He is one of our best  
preachers and pastors. May the  
Lord give him many years of useful  
service. He is a native of Leake  
county, where so many good people  
live.

Rev. Paul Kihnl of Water Valley  
has recently been called as pastor of  
Anchor Baptist church, Lafayette  
county, Pleasant Grove and Cedar  
Grove, Yalobusha county. The going  
of Rev. C. L. Crumby from our  
county to Panola county leaves quite  
a number of pastorless churches in  
these parts. May they soon be sup-  
plied.

### IN MEMORIAM

Just as the morning of December  
30, 1938, was dawning, the gentle  
spirit of Judge Horace Reid Ward,  
returned to the God who gave it,  
thus closing the life of one of the  
most useful and highly esteemed  
citizens it has been the privilege of  
Enterprise, Miss., to claim. Judge  
Ward was a man of unquestionable  
integrity and high ideals, and in his  
going there is left a void not easily  
filled. He was for one half century  
a deacon and clerk in Enterprise  
Baptist church, at all times discharg-  
ing his duties faithfully. He was an  
ardent lover of the Baptist Record;  
was Justice of the Peace, since 1889,  
which said office he held at the time

of his demise, always ruling with  
impartial justice to all alike. God  
blessed him with 85-years of useful  
living, and we shall miss him for  
his seat shall be empty, but we re-  
joice with him in the fulness of his  
joy, which is the reward of righte-  
ousness.

Judge Ward is survived by his  
widow, Mrs. Lula Buckley Ward,  
and two brothers, namely: Hon. P.  
B. Ward, a prominent attorney of  
Cleburne, Texas; A. J. Ward of Ar-  
lington, Texas; and the following  
children: William H., Robert L.,  
Enterprise, Miss.; Jessie L. and Tru-  
man Ward of Washington, D. C.,  
and several grandchildren, nieces  
and nephews, among whom are Mrs.  
Laura Stephenson, a school teacher  
in the Enterprise Consolidated  
School and Miss Lititia Wright, post-  
mistress of West Enterprise, Miss.

The first wife, Mrs. Semelle Ward,  
and a daughter, Mrs. Alice Ward  
Tillman, and a son, Granberry H.  
Ward, preceded him several years  
ago.

We can hear the welcome plaudit,  
"well done good and faithful ser-  
vant," and we very reverently com-  
mend his spirit to our Heavenly  
Father's tender care and extend our  
heartfelt sympathy to his loved  
ones.

Therefore be it resolved: That a  
copy hereof be sent to Judge Ward's  
widow, his four sons, a copy be re-  
corded on the church minutes, and  
a copy each be sent to the Baptist  
Record, and the Clarke County Trib-  
une, for publication.

Fraternally submitted,  
The Deacons of Enterprise  
Baptist Church:  
Jno. L. Buckley,  
D. J. Ritchey,  
O. L. Stewart,  
Committee.

### LISTED BUT NOT ENLISTED? Lawson H. Cook

It is the hope of Southern Bap-  
tists that this year will witness a  
great wave of evangelism through-  
out the entire Convention, and one  
which will sweep beyond these con-  
fines until, with its uplifting power,  
it touches the hublest life in the  
remotest part of the earth. It isn't  
at all improbable that these special  
evangelistic efforts will be recorded  
as one of the great revivals of the  
centuries.

There are, however, great dangers  
ahead of us; one of the greatest,  
perhaps, that this movement will be-  
come statistical rather than spiri-  
tual, in which event the last state  
will be worse than the first. If  
statistical, it means simply putting  
down the figures and adding up the  
column. If spiritual, it means the  
ingrafting of the Word of God in  
the hearts of men, the deepening of  
their spiritual life, a tremendous  
impetus to the enterprises of the  
kingdom.

Every evangelistic movement  
loses much of its value and perman-  
ency unless paralleled by a definite  
program of enlistment. We cannot

### SAFETY FIRST

Safety first is a good motto for  
people and for churches. Churches  
can make sure of safety first by  
insuring their property in Southern  
Mutual Church Insurance Company,  
Columbia, S. C.

afford to erect tabernacles on the  
mountain top, but must bring the  
light of that experience into the  
dark and dingy places at the foot.

Men do not, however, become en-  
listed, or even greatly interested, in  
any enterprise which they do not  
know about. An informed church  
membership is absolutely necessary  
to effective Christian service. For  
this reason the Baptist Brotherhood  
is vitally concerned in a wider cir-  
culation of our Baptist papers. With-  
out the information found in their  
columns, a thoroughly informed  
church membership is impossible.

Our Southwide revival must have  
a threefold objective: First, to bring  
about an experience of grace within  
the heart of the individual. Second,  
to inspire a complete surrender to  
the will of the Master. Third, to  
develop an informed church member-  
ship.

An increased circulation of our  
Baptist papers should be a definite  
part of our evangelistic movement.  
In so far as our cooperative efforts  
are concerned the regular reading  
of our Baptist papers is an absolute  
necessity. They furnish us our only  
medium of denominational informa-  
tion. They are just as essential to  
effective Christian service as are our  
trade journals, to our business and  
professional life. Our state paper  
should be read regularly in every  
Baptist home in the state. It is the  
only possible way of thoroughly in-  
forming ourselves as to the aims,  
objectives and accomplishments of  
our people within this state, and of  
the activities of Southern Baptists  
throughout the world.

### FLEMING-MARTIN

Of interest to friends throughout  
the state is the announcement of  
the marriage of Miss Alice Martin  
to Mr. Russell H. Fleming, both of  
Houma. The ceremony took place  
Sunday evening, December 18, at  
the First Church in Houma, with  
the pastor, Rev. H. O. Hearn, offi-  
ciating. The church was appropri-  
ately decorated for the occasion. Pre-  
ceding the wedding, Miss Milbry  
Guest sang, "O Promise Me," be-  
ing accompanied at the piano by  
Mrs. H. O. Hearn.

Houma, La.

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throw chunks into the water.

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poor preachers.

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## Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C. MOORE

### PETER DENIES HIS LORD Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Review the story of Peter from midnight to about three o'clock in the morning of crucifixion day. We hear him boasting that he would never stumble on account of his Master, though others should fail and fall, and that he would die before he would deny his Lord. We see him arming himself with a sword in order to be ready, as he thought, for any emergency. But he was a sound sleeper in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed in agony. Yet he was a furious fighter when Judas attempted to behead the high priest's servant. And he was a faraway follower as Jesus was taken back to the city for trial. The arraignment before Annas was preceded by Peter's first denial within the hour or so before cockcrow. But the look of the Lord brought him to his senses and sent penitential tears gushing hot down his cheeks.

#### Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Upon Peter's Presumption the denials were forecast. Note three things: (1) The Prayer. Jesus knew that Satan had obtained Peter by asking to have him in hand for a time in order that he might tempt and test him as sifting does the wheat. In God's permissive providence Peter was allowed to pass through the ordeal. But Jesus, who never offered an ineffectual prayer, made supplication that Peter's faith should not fail under fire. Then he could and would turn from Satan and self to Christ and victory. The sifting of a saint would capacitate him for service in upbuilding his brethren. (2) The Presumption. With amazing self-confidence (as reported by Matthew and Mark) Peter declared that whatever others might do, he would not fall or falter; that he could and would follow the Master then and there through any ordeal; and that he would gladly give up his liberty and lay down his life for his Lord. (3) The Prediction. Jesus knew Peter better than the apostle knew himself. And he solemnly declared to the impetuous though devoted disciple that before the cockcrow, and so within a few hours, he would thrice deny even that he knew Jesus.

2. Upon Peter's Temptation the denials became fact. The cautious devotion of Peter was shown after the arrest of Jesus. Dazed by the events that took place in Gethsemane, Peter nevertheless followed his fettered Master back to Jerusalem and actually entered the palace of the high priest where the preliminary trial was held. However, he "followed afar off," that is, at a safe distance, cautiously and wonderingly. (1) The First Denial, which was careless, was made about the time Peter entered the court of the high priest. The portress asked him if he was one of Jesus' disciples. The question was unexpected and caught Peter unawares. To shield and save himself, he simply declared

that he did not know Jesus. Then he forestall further embarrassment, he joined the miscellaneous crowd warming by the fire.

(2) The Second Denial, which was compromising, was made while Peter was standing by the fire. The doorman was still suspicious that Peter was one of Christ's disciples, and said so to another maid and to at least one of the men who then spoke to Peter about it. He felt that he had gone too far not to go farther. So, with an oath, he again denied that he even knew Jesus. (3) The Third Denial, which was confirmed, was made apparently after Peter had stepped out on the palace porch. It was about an hour after he had entered the hall and he probably had joined in conversation to allay suspicion. But some of the bystanders, including a kinsman of Malchus whom Peter had wounded in Gethsemane, kept eyeing Peter. Finally, one said that his speech betrayed him; and another claimed to have seen him in Gethsemane. Fearing detection, Peter, with blustering oaths, again, denied knowing Jesus. To what depths and in so short a time had the presumptuous apostle fallen!

3. Upon Peter's Penitence the denials were forgiven. Note three things here: (1) Awakening. At the moment when he disowned his Master the third time, Peter heard the cock crow as Jesus had predicted. As those shrill notes rang out on the chilly night air, they fell upon the ears of Peter and went like darts into his very soul. (2) Conviction. Immediately after the cock crew, "the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter." And that wordless look winged its way into the marrow of his being. He could never forget! (3) Contrition. From the judgment hall forth into the night rushed the contrite apostle, and bitter were the tears that flowed hot and fast down his face. Deeply had he sinned, but as deep was his penitence.

#### THE RUMANIAN REPRESSION Baptist World Alliance Appeals To King Carol

On December 23, after telegraphic consultation between London and Dallas, the following telegram was despatched:

"His Majesty King Carol, the Palace, Bukarest.

"On behalf of the Baptist World Alliance, the worldwide fraternal organization of Baptists, we most respectfully greet your majesty. We sorrow at the sufferings of fellow-Christians in Rumania, and earnestly pray that your majesty may give favorable answer to the memorial addressed to your royal person and presented through your foreign secretary on November 17 by deputation representing the Protestant evangelical churches in England.

Geo. W. Truett, Pres.,  
Dallas, Texas.  
J. H. Rushbrooke, Sec.,  
London."

It will be recalled that the memorial submitted to the king through the foreign secretary included three specific petitions: (1) for the release of Baptists now in prison; (2) for the withdrawal of the "Decizie"; (3) for the legal recognition of Baptists as a recognized cult.

During the past few days events have taken a serious turn. The whole of the 1,602 Baptist meeting places are closed.

The Baptist Union of Rumania on December 21 appealed direct to King Carol. Their telegram asserts that liberties enjoyed for 75 years have been taken away. Baptists are loyal to their country and the throne. There are neither Communists nor Iron Guards in their ranks. One hundred and twenty thousand strong, they beg his majesty to relieve them from the burdensome decree which has closed their churches, and have them recognized as a lawful cult.

The Reuter message adds that in Kishinex thirty Baptists were on the same day before the military court. In the Banat all churches were sealed and all money taken.

It is alleged that the Minister of Cults, a bishop of the Orthodox church, has stated that he will resign his post before permitting a single Baptist church to be reopened without fulfilling the decree of last June. The Baptists say that there are only fourteen that could fulfil the conditions of the decree.

On Thursday of last week Prince Ghyka, Charge d'Affaires, who was accompanied by M. Florescu, counsellor of the Legation, received at the Rumanian Legation in London, Dr. Sidney M. Berry and Dr. Rushbrooke. Dr. Berry, who had led the deputation representing the Protestant Evangelical Churches, spoke very earnestly of the grace effects upon public feeling in this country which must inevitably follow the persecution of Baptists in Rumania, and Dr. Rushbrooke dealt with certain points raised by Prince Ghyka and M. Florescu. The charge d'affaires promised to cable immediately to Bukarest.

—("The Baptist Times," London, Dec. 29, 1938.)

#### ABOUT EDUCATION

If there is ever a time in a girl's life when she needs personal care, protection, and supervision, it is during her first year away from home in college. In this modern day when wrong principles and worldly ideas are rampant, parents cannot be too careful with their daughters. Even the steadiest, most obedient, most dependable girls when they reach the age of adolescence, are likely to act on impulse rather than on judgment. In this impressionistic age a girl should be kept away from temptation as much as possible until she is older and more mature.

It is not a good idea to go to one extreme and put a girl where she will never see a boy, or to the other extreme and put her in a "co-ed" school, where she will be thrown with boys at every class, at every meal and at all hours of the day. The best place for girls at this age is in a school especially designed for girls. They need to be where they can have good social advantages, and they will do the best work when they are happy and contented.

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—M. P. L. Berry.

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### Sunday School Convention

The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention meets with the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mar. 7, 8. The program will soon be off the press and ready to mail.

The good people of Laurel are providing bed and breakfast free to all who attend the convention. Save the date!

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We are indeed grateful to God for his gracious help and direction in our work during the year just closed. We thank every pastor, superintendent, teacher, officer, associational worker, and all others, who so cheerfully cooperated in the great Sunday school program. We are, all of us, grateful for every sign of progress made, and for every advancement and increase during the year's work.

Some of the items are these: 135 new Sunday schools organized; 240 new Cradle Rolls organized (the second largest number of any state in the South); an increase in training awards of 1606, or 42%; an increase in Vacation Bible schools of 78, or 71%; an increase of three Standard Sunday schools, or 14%; an increase in Vacation Bible school enrollment of 5732, or 60%; and an increase in Sunday school enrollment of about 8500.

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H. L. KING

The department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work is pleased to present to the Sunday school workers of Mississippi Mr. Herman L. King as its new field worker for the Extension department of the Sunday school, succeeding Mrs. Waldo E. Wood (nee Miss Verda Von Hagen). Mr. King was formerly a practicing attorney of Nashville, Tennessee, but as a layman, gave himself avocationally to all phases of church work. He is a dynamic and forceful personality and should immediately win approval wherever he goes. His coming to the Sunday School Board assures that the pace set so admirably by his worthy predecessor in the promotion of the Extension department throughout the South will be quick-

ened, and its claims recognized as one of our Sunday schools' most vital units and ministries to a vast constituency which can never be reached otherwise.

—Wm. P. Phillips, Secretary,  
Dept. of Y. P. and Adult S.S.  
Work.

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### MEET GABRIEL KOLENIC

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A lad of twenty had completed his academic training for the priesthood and was now a priest's assistant, with only two months more before he would be ordained himself and sent to India as a Catholic missionary. But just at that time he came in contact with a despised Baptist. He became interested, and practically every evening for six months he visited this Baptist's home studying and praying with him usually until the early hours of the morning.

When the light of God's love came full upon his heart and he let his conversion be known, his mother, threatening him with a large butcher knife, drove him from the home. He was not allowed to return. He was compelled to live with kindly brethren, with one a while, then another. Gabriel was the victim of much persecution instigated by members of his family.

I will now give a part of the story I have learned from brother Kolenic himself since I wrote the preceding paragraph a few minutes ago. The mother's attitude is a little more tolerant now. The change came, Gabriel says, upon the occasion of my visit to his village, Cerna, last September. Mrs. Kolenic was persuaded, to the amazement of all, to come and hear the American. The Lord must have led me to choose Matt. 16:16 for a text and to speak on Peter's great testimony, for it impressed this woman tremendously that a Baptist had any respect at all for the Apostle Peter or anything he said! The leaven began to work in her hardened heart at that time, but it is only during the past week that the son has been admitted into his mother's home to live. The remainder of the family, living in other villages, are as intolerant as before.

Brother Kolenic has been for the past two years at our Seminary in Bucharest. He was completing the four year course in two years. But the persecution is raging there. Gabriel was taken to court and ordered to leave the country within 24 hours. This was two weeks ago today. He returned to Yugoslavia, and to the reunion of which I have just learned myself and which I have described in the preceding paragraph. He is my guest here in Beograd for the Christmas season.

Yugoslavia is a "poor little rich country," none poorer in fact, none richer potentially. And our Baptist work is no exception. Our only hope is to train a native leadership—and therein is a great hope indeed. Yugoslavia has nine large states; in some of these there is not a single Baptist. The harvest is ripe. Who is going to lead in the work? Who is going to teach in the Seminary we hope to start soon? If this work is to be permanent, it must be native-bred.

We have five pastors in this coun-

try of 15,000,000 people. Most of these have had only four years of schooling! Where is our native leadership coming from? I am going to work at the task, but who is going to help? How sorely we need a native teacher right now! But it would take 13 years to train the average young ministerial candidate here for the work of teaching. Brother Kolenic, because of the work he has already had, is the one exception.

It is not the first time the thought has entered my mind, but it came to me tonight in an overpowering sort of way while I was listening to him preach that brother Kolenic ought to go to America and get a thorough theological training that will fit him for leadership we so sorely need here in poor, neglected Yugoslavia.

John A. Moore

Kralja, Aleksandra 264,  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia, or  
Foreign Mission Board,  
Richmond, Va.

December 22, 1938.

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### CHURCH BUILDING

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During the last week in December, Dr. P. E. Burroughs of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, held the second conference this year on church building. Architects and state secretaries from all over the South attended the meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, to discuss the varied problems of housing adequately, beautifully and economically, the complete program of worship, teaching and training.

One of the outgrowths of the earlier conferences, held last spring, was announced by Dr. Burroughs at this last gathering: an architectural firm, dedicated to the service of Southern Baptists in all states. The two men leading the new organization bring with them an unusual background and experience. Wellington J. H. Wallace was architectural chief of staff under Dr. Burroughs in the Sunday School Board architectural department for many years. Few, if any, other architects have given as much to the develop-

ment of the planning of buildings for the fully departmentalized and graded Sunday school. Churches and educational buildings now serving congregations in most Southern states attest to his experience and intimate knowledge of Southern Baptist needs.

His partner, Harrison William Gill, spent his early years in the shadow and under the influence of some of the world's greatest architecture in Rome, Italy, during the time his father, Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., our present representative in Europe, was director of North Italian Missions. Brother Bill is not only the son of a missionary, but the brother of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, and the grandson of a Confederate Baptist chaplain, Dr. William Harrison Williams, who exerted a wide influence fifty years ago as editor and publisher of the Central Baptist in St. Louis, Missouri. Brother Gill's uncle is Dr. Wm. Harrison Williams, pastor of Prichard Memorial in Charlotte, North Carolina, and his mother's brother-in-law was the late Dr. Wm. J. McGlothlin, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both of these architects received their college training at Baptist institutions, brother Wallace at La Grange, Missouri, and brother Gill at Wm. Jewell, Liberty, Missouri. Their professional education was carried forward at leading architectural schools; brother Gill studying at Columbia University in New York and brother Wallace at the University of Illinois.

Wallace and Gill have selected a location near the center of our Southern territory, with offices at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the Hamilton National Bank building.

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

My dear children,

Here is a riddle for you. What is the longest word in the English language? May be you say that you do not know the long words but you know this one, all right, and you use it every day; in fact, many times a day. Have you guessed it? Yes, it is "smiles." You can take away the first letter and still have "miles" left. Do you know of any other word that long?

And that gives me the chance to quote something which I read which you might enjoy, too. "A smile costs nothing, but gives much; it enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes only a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. No one is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it; and no one is so poor but that he cannot be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good-will in business, and is the symbol of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it can not be bought, borrowed, begged, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give."

And now let me urge you not to forget the orphanage and our scholarship for Miss McSween. They are looking to us and we can not afford to fail them. Neither can we afford to miss the blessing that comes with helping others. Have you read that verse from Proverbs which says, "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed"? Keep on writing these interesting letters to the "circle" and remember these whom we want to serve with a "bountiful eye."

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

## BIBLE STUDY

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path. Proverbs 3:5, 6.

When David was hiding from King Saul, he lived with a company of his men, and their families, in the city of Ziklag, in the land of the Philistines. This city had been given to him by the king of the Philistines. David and his fighting men were often gone from the city because of the wars. One time they returned after being away for three days, and found that the Amalekites had come in their absence, had taken their wives and children captive, had burned their homes, and had utterly destroyed the city. Then the men of Israel wept until they could weep no more. David was greatly distressed, for his men were angry because he had taken them from their homes. They even talked about stoning him. But David trusted in the Lord his God.

David called Abiathar, the high priest, and told him to ask the Lord for him, saying, "Shall I go after the Amalekites, and shall I overtake them?" The Lord answered, "Go after them, for you shall surely overtake them, and get back all they have taken." David then took his men and began to follow after the Amalekites. As they went, they found a man, sick, alone in a field. They gave him bread and water, a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, he grew stronger, for he had had no food for three days and three nights. David asked him, "From what place have you come, and to whom do you belong?" He answered, "I am a young man of Egypt, the

servant of an Amalekite, and my master left me three days ago when I became sick." David asked him if he could take them to the place where the Amalekites now were, and the young man said "If you will promise not to kill me nor to take me back to my master, then I will take you there." David promised and he brought them there. They found the Amalekites scattered over the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of the spoil they had taken from Ziklag, and from other places where they had robbed people. David and his men fell upon them, and killed most of them. The men of Israel got back their wives and their children, and all the things that the Amalekites had taken from them, as the Lord had said that they would.

Parchman, Miss.,  
Dec. 18, 1938.

My dear friends,

At this season of the year, I want to thank you for the splendid paper and for literature, books, and Bibles we have received. However, we still need Bibles, and would appreciate any reading material. We have had a pleasant year. From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

Mrs. R. H. Brewer and  
the Boys at Parchman.

Mrs. Brewer, this letter has been delayed, but if you have been reading the Record, you understand why. Best wishes to you for the new year.—F.L.S.

One little girl was so full of the Christmas story that she wanted to tell it in her own way. Here it is. Don't you think it is a sweet way?

## THE KING IS BORN

Christ is born.  
While morning's dawning  
Mary Sleeps.  
While the babe the angels keep.  
Shepherds bring treasures  
All by the measures.  
While angels at his head  
Watch over the wee Christ bed.  
The star shines around them  
As angels sing a sweet hymn.  
Other angels sing  
While earth receives her King.  
—Adele.

Morton, Miss.,  
Dec. 26, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I just thought that I would let you know that the people are still good to me.

Miss Ora Nell Farmer sent me a lovely Christmas card, two handkerchiefs, her picture, and a book. Mrs. B. C. Traylor of Sumrall, Miss., sent me a Christmas card. A Baptist Record reader sent me a card with a dollar in it. Harold Heflin sent a card, also Mrs. T. J. Barnette, Mrs. Frances Steele, and Mrs. Sallie McCall. I got five and a half dollars in money. I want to thank each and every one of you for remembering me at Christmas.

Most of my brothers and sisters came home. My brother who goes to B. B. I. in New Orleans came. We had a fine dinner and all enjoyed being together again.

I am sending twenty-five cents. You may use it where it is more needed.

Your friend,  
Arther Cooper.

Arther, I am glad that friends remembered you so graciously. I am glad, too, that you want to use part of what was given you, in the Lord's work. Half of what you sent has gone to the orphanage and half to Miss McSween's scholarship.—F. L. S.

Magee, Miss.,  
Jan. 1, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I am sending you one dollar. Use

it where it is needed most.

Your friend,

Mrs. E. B. Traylor.

Thank you, Mrs. Traylor, for your good help. You already know that it has been equally divided between the orphanage and Miss McSween's scholarship.—F.L.S.

Summerland, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I am a little girl four years old. I like to have mamma read me the Children's Page in the Baptist Record. I have a sister nearly two years old. Her name is Addie Rebecca. We are sending a dime apiece to the orphanage and the B. B. I. girl.

With love,

Nancy Catherine Farr.

This is a mighty fine letter for a little girl four years old to write herself, Nancy Catherine. Thank you and Addie Rebecca for your help with the orphanage and the scholarship for Miss McSween. With many more girls and boys like you, these would be well cared for.—F. L. S.

Pachuta, Miss.,  
Jan. 6, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

May I join the Children's Circle? I read the children's page every week and enjoy it.

I am eight years old and in the third grade.

I had a merry Christmas at my grandmother's in Alabama, but I had the measles that week too.

We are back in school now and got our mid-term reports today; mine was all A's.

With love,

Martha Covington.

Surely you may join our circle, and glad we are to have you. Having measles is not the best way to celebrate Christmas, I'm sure. I know you were proud of that excellent report, and so were mother and daddy.—F.L.S.

Starkville, Miss.,  
Jan. 6, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is my first letter to you. While I was in school I thought of writing to you. Annie Louise has been writing so she asked me to write. I have been enjoying the Baptist Record. I hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I know the orphans got lots for Christmas. I got so many nice things I can't name them all. I am sending ten cents to divide between the orphans and the B. B. I. girl. I hope I can send more next time.

Your friend,

Martha Louise Ray.

Martha Louise, we are glad that you did what Annie Louise asked you to do. Just keep the good work going. Thank you for your gift to the orphanage and to Miss McSween's scholarship.—F.L.S.

Terry, Miss.,  
Jan. 3, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

May I join your children's circle. I read the "children's circle" every week and enjoy it very much. I have been planning to join your club even before Mrs. Lipsey died. I have written many letters and just didn't mail them.

I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I have six different teachers. I like them real well, but I have lots of studying to do.

Your friend,

Alma Bell McDonald.

We are pleased, Alma Bell, that you mailed this letter. Don't ever fail again to mail one. Six teachers do keep a girl busy, I know. Some one has taught you to write a nice looking letter. Who gets the credit for that? Come again soon.—F.L.S.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

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Enclosed is receipt for the \$10.73 just received as a contribution of the Children's Circle toward Miss McSween's scholarship. I join her in gratitude for your abiding interest and continued help.

You will be interested to know that up to this morning we have \$1,708.10 of the \$8,100 due February 1 on the interest obligation. These early returns are encouraging and we trust that you will continue to pray with us.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

W. W. Hamilton, President.

Jackson, Miss.,  
Jan. 11, 1939.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution of \$1.70 to B. O. B. F. and \$10.52 to general fund for the Children's Circle.

Your continued interest and support is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. Mize, Supt.,  
Baptist Orphanage.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN

The Blue Mountain College Scribblers, journalistic group of the campus, of which Miss Sarah McCully is president, announces a literary contest open to all Blue Mountain students, the winners to receive the following awards on March 29: Stark Young Essay prize, John Gould Fletcher Poetry prize, Edgar Allan Poe Short Story prize, A. T. Robertson Research Essay prize.

The winners will enter their works in the Southern Literary Festival to be held at Millsaps College, Jackson, April 22. Millsaps and Belhaven will serve as hosts to the Southern Literary Festival, which originated at Blue Mountain two years ago, sponsored by the Scribblers' club of the college.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR REVIVAL MEETINGS

State Evangelist E. D. Estes, is now booking his meetings for this year's work. He is already engaged for the rest of January, the first half of February, third and fourth weeks of May, third and fourth weeks of July and all of August. It is a good time to call on him and get your appointment before all of his time is filled. He turned down 12 calls for meetings for last July and August because all meetings can not be conducted in those two months. April and June are good months for some churches to have their revivals and get the help of State Evangelist. You may address Brother Estes, at 1052 Central street, Jackson, Mississippi and he will answer you from where he may be working by return mail.

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## Chickasaw Has Good Meeting At Van Vleet

The regular meeting of the Chickasaw Training Union Association met in Van Vleet on Sunday, January 8th. It was well attended and a good program challenged all who were present to be better Christians, with high ideals and goals for the new year. The organization was enlarged, but still other officers are to be elected. The next meeting will be with Houlka church on the Second Sunday in April. Mr. Earl Edwards of Houston is the director and looks forward to Chickasaw setting the pace in the associational work.

## Green County Associational B. T. U. Plans Meeting For March

At a call meeting of the pastors and other interested workers, a good crowd gathered at the Leakesville church on the afternoon of Sunday the 8th. Rev. Aubrey Smith, student in Clark College, is the director of Green county, and was there and presided over the meeting. A committee was appointed to serve as a nominating committee and to also plan for the next regular program that will be held with the Unity church on the afternoon of March 16th. Their challenge was the number of churches without unions, and they expect to soon be able to join the list of A-1 associations in the matter of every church having at least one B. Y. P. U.

## New Augusta Serves Supper To Associational Workers

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My dear children,

Here is a riddle for you. What is the longest word in the English language? May be you say that you do not know the long words but you know this one, all right, and you use it every day; in, fact, many times a day. Have you guessed it? Yes, it is "smiles." You can take away the first letter and still have "miles" left. Do you know of any other word that long?

And that gives me the chance to quote something which I read which you might enjoy, too. "A smile costs nothing, but gives much; it enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes only a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. No one is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it; and no one is so poor but that he cannot be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good-will in business, and is the symbol of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it can not be bought, borrowed, begged, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give."

And now let me urge you not to forget the orphanage and our scholarship for Miss McSween. They are looking to us and we can not afford to fail them. Neither can we afford to miss the blessing that comes with helping others. Have you read that verse from Proverbs which says, "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed"? Keep on writing these interesting letters to the "circle" and remember these whom we want to serve with a "bountiful eye."

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele.

## BIBLE STUDY

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path. Proverbs 3:5, 6.

When David was hiding from King Saul, he lived with a company of his men, and their families, in the city of Ziklag, in the land of the Philistines. This city had been given to him by the king of the Philistines. David and his fighting men were often gone from the city because of the wars. One time they returned after being away for three days, and found that the Amalekites had come in their absence, had taken their wives and children captive, had burned their homes, and had utterly destroyed the city. Then the men of Israel wept until they could weep no more. David was greatly distressed, for his men were angry because he had taken them from their homes. They even talked about stoning him. But David trusted in the Lord his God.

David called Abiathar, the high priest, and told him to ask the Lord for him, saying, "Shall I go after the Abalekites, and shall I overtake them?" The Lord answered, "Go after them, for you shall surely overtake them, and get back all they have taken." David then took his men and began to follow after the Amalekites. As they went, they found a man, sick, alone in a field. They gave him bread and water, a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, he grew stronger, for he had had no food for three days and three nights. David asked him, "From what place have you come, and to whom do you belong?" He answered, "I am a young man of Egypt, the

servant of an Amalekite, and my master left me three days ago when I became sick." David asked him if he could take them to the place where the Amalekites now were, and the young man said "If you will promise not to kill me nor to take me back to my master, then I will take you there." David promised and he brought them there. They found the Amalekites scattered over the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of the spoil they had taken from Ziklag, and from other places where they had robbed people. David and his men fell upon them, and killed most of them. The men of Israel got back their wives and their children, and all the things that the Amalekites had taken from them, as the Lord had said that they would.

Parchman, Miss.,  
Dec. 18, 1938.

My dear friends,

At this season of the year, I want to thank you for the splendid paper and for literature, books, and Bibles we have received. However, we still need Bibles, and would appreciate any reading material. We have had a pleasant year. From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

Mrs. R. H. Brewer and  
the Boys at Parchman.

Mrs. Brewer, this letter has been delayed, but if you have been reading the Record, you understand why. Best wishes to you for the new year.—F.L.S.

One little girl was so full of the Christmas story that she wanted to tell it in her own way. Here it is. Don't you think it is a sweet way?

THE KING IS BORN  
Christ is born.  
While morning's dawning  
Mary Sleeps.  
While the babe the angels keep.  
Shepherds bring treasures  
All by the measures.  
While angels at his head  
Watch over the wee Christ bed.  
The star shines around them  
As angels sing a sweet hymn.  
Other angels sing  
While earth receives her King.  
—Adele.

Morton, Miss.,  
Dec. 26, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I just thought that I would let you know that the people are still good to me.

Miss Ora Nell Farmer sent me a lovely Christmas card, two handkerchiefs, her picture, and a book. Mrs. B. C. Traylor of Sumrall, Miss., sent me a Christmas card. A Baptist Record reader sent me a card with a dollar in it. Harold Hefflin sent a card, also Mrs. T. J. Barnett, Mrs. Frances Steele, and Mrs. Sallie McCall. I got five and a half dollars in money. I want to thank each and every one of you for remembering me at Christmas.

Most of my brothers and sisters came home. My brother who goes to B. B. I. in New Orleans came. We had a fine dinner and all enjoyed being together again.

I am sending twenty-five cents. You may use it where it is more needed.

Your friend,  
Arther Cooper.

Arther, I am glad that friends remembered you so graciously. I am glad, too, that you want to use part of what was given you, in the Lord's work. Half of what you sent has gone to the orphanage and half to Miss McSween's scholarship.—F. L. S.

Magee, Miss.,  
Jan. 1, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I am sending you one dollar. Use

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Your friend,  
Mrs. E. B. Traylor.

Thank you, Mrs. Traylor, for your good help. You already know that it has been equally divided between the orphanage and Miss McSween's scholarship.—F.L.S.

Summerland, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I am a little girl four years old. I like to have mamma read me the Children's Page in the Baptist Record. I have a sister nearly two years old. Her name is Addie Rebecca. We are sending a dime apiece to the orphanage and the B. B. I. girl.

With love,  
Nancy Catherine Farr.

This is a mighty fine letter for a little girl four years old to write herself, Nancy Catherine. Thank you and Addie Rebecca for your help with the orphanage and the scholarship for Miss McSween. With many more girls and boys like you, these would be well cared for.—F. L. S.

Pachuta, Miss.,  
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Dear Mrs. Steele,

May I join the Children's Circle? I read the children's page every week and enjoy it.

I am eight years old and in the third grade.

I had a merry Christmas at my grandmother's in Alabama, but I had the measles that week too.

We are back in school now and got our mid-term reports today; mine was all A's.

With love,  
Martha Covington.

Surely you may join our circle, and glad we are to have you. Having measles is not the best way to celebrate Christmas, I'm sure. I know you were proud of that excellent report, and so were mother and daddy.—F.L.S.

Starkville, Miss.,  
Jan. 6, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is my first letter to you. While I was in school I thought of writing to you. Annie Louise has been writing so she asked me to write. I have been enjoying the Baptist Record. I hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I know the orphans got lots for Christmas. I got so many nice things I can't name them all. I am sending ten cents to divide between the orphans and the B. B. I. girl. I hope I can send more next time.

Your friend,  
Martha Louise Ray.

Martha Louise, we are glad that you did what Annie Louise asked you to do. Just keep the good work going. Thank you for your gift to the orphanage and to Miss McSween's scholarship.—F.L.S.

Terry, Miss.,  
Jan. 3, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele,

May I join your children's circle. I read the "children's circle" every week and enjoy it very much. I have been planning to join your club even before Mrs. Lipsey died. I have written many letters and just didn't mail them.

I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I have six different teachers. I like them real well, but I have lots of studying to do.

Your friend,  
Alma Bell McDonald.

We are pleased, Alma Bell, that you mailed this letter. Don't ever fail again to mail one. Six teachers do keep a girl busy, I know. Some one has taught you to write a nice looking letter. Who gets the credit for that? Come again soon.—F.L.S.

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Enclosed is receipt for the \$10.73 just received as a contribution of the Children's Circle toward Miss McSween's scholarship. I join her in gratitude for your abiding interest and continued help.

You will be interested to know that up to this morning we have \$1,708.10 of the \$8,100 due February 1 on the interest obligation. These early returns are encouraging and we trust that you will continue to pray with us.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,  
W. W. Hamilton, President.

Jackson, Miss.,  
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# JAPANESE REFUSE TO RETURN THE PLANT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI

Colombo, Ceylon—Baptists north and south have been deeply concerned about the plant of the University of Shanghai. A brief recapitulation of its occupation by the Japanese military will not be out of place. When fighting began at Shanghai on August 13, 1937, the university campus came under fire and had to be evacuated. The fighting sawed about it for a week, though it was actually in the hands of the Chinese forces for only a few hours. By August 31st it was, and had been for ten days or more, entirely in Japanese hands. On that date the fighting was far enough away so that two missionaries—Mr. Wiley of the Southern Board and Mr. Beath of the Northern—were permitted to visit the campus, in company with a Japanese consular representative. They were allowed to inspect only a few residences. These had been ransacked but the contents in the main were still on the premises. They observed silverware lying about, typewriters on their stands and rugs on the floors.

For more than fourteen months following this visit no American was allowed to put foot on the campus, although from the first part of November of last year the fighting moved entirely away from the vicinity of Shanghai. Repeated protests, including the formal note from the State Department of June 1st last, were unavailing. Tokyo announced that on July 5th the property would be returned. On that date it was evacuated by the military, but the rightful owners were still kept out on the plea of "military necessity," although what was going on in China was an "incident" and not a war!

When I arrived in Shanghai on November 4 it was to find that the efforts of our folk there to secure permission to inspect the property were about to bear fruit, and our presence hurried matters a bit. On November 7 a party of ten missionaries of the Northern and Southern Boards, including myself, accompanied by representatives of the American and Japanese consulates and of the Japanese army and navy, visited the campus. We were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration by the Japanese, who gave us ample opportunity within the limits of the time available—about one hour and fifteen minutes—to inspect the buildings at will.

Structural damage to the buildings and damage to woodwork and floors, window glass and decoration, was extensive. There was little evidence of wanton destruction which has characterized so many other places occupied. Considering the size of the plant, the loss in the aggregate will amount to no small sum. To our delight we found the library books possibly two thirds intact. Sixteen pianos were found and can be repaired at considerable cost. The seats in the new auditorium were badly disturbed, and here and there could be seen some minor piece of furniture.

For the rest of the contents of the buildings, including especially expensive scientific apparatus, classroom furniture, and the contents of

the dormitories and residences, the word which best describes is the scriptural one, "Swept and garnished"—all gone! The conclusion is inescapable that these buildings were deliberately, systematically and carefully looted by the Japanese military. No other party has had sufficient access to them. Big office safes do not disappear "without a trace" save by the organized efforts of gangs of men working when bullets are not flying. Scientific apparatus was not smashed, and the pieces left lying about by a hasty marauder—it is gone, clean gone! The mountings of heavier apparatus show that it was carefully lifted off and taken away.

I stood in the entrance to the library, the building of which was Herman Liu's first great accomplishment, and read the stone inscribed in gratitude for the long service rendered by his predecessor, Dr. F. J. White. It was difficult to keep back the tears as I thought how these men, their colleagues and devoted supporters, had toiled through the years to provide this splendid plant for the University. And now—its lawns and gardens unkempt and choked with weeds, its halls empty and deserted, its equipment!

In my several interviews with Japanese officials, in Tokyo and Shanghai, not once was any hope held out that this plant—unquestioned American property, far away from the fighting zone, and on the banks of the Whangpoo River and thus right under the eyes of the whole world—would be returned to us. They pled "military necessity." We saw nothing that could conceivably justify such a plea. The adjacent flying field was all grown up in tall grass, it had not been used for weeks, probably not since the military evacuated the University in July. There is far more evidence to be seen of commercial activity. One cannot avoid the suspicion that this property, given by our people for the highest benefits of the Chinese, is coveted for use in the proposed commercial exploitation of China. It is very strategically located for that purpose.

I feel our people are entitled to have the facts, and I have stated them. They are difficult to reconcile with the constant Japanese assurances of respect for American rights in China. Our people have every right to be indignant, and to support our government in its continued diplomatic efforts to secure redress, in compliance with the accepted standards of international law. Meantime, the boards at home, and their representatives in Shanghai will neglect no possible effort to the same end.

—J. W. Decker, Foreign Secy.  
Northern Baptists.

—BR—  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Jackson, Miss.

Whereas in the realm of economic affairs it seems best that brother Nelson H. Webb and family be taken from our midst to make their home in another city, and whereas in their going Calvary Baptist Church will suffer a great loss in all departments of her activity, our consolation in this fact is that our loss is our fellow friends gain.

Therefore be it resolved that we first of all express our very keen appreciation for the fine Christian service rendered by this family in our church and community; second, we commend them most highly to the fellowship and friendship of those with whom they may be associated.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our church, a copy furnished the Baptist Record for publication and a copy given the family.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. M. King,  
I. S. Barnes,  
Committee.

## M. S. C. W. STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAMS

Many members of the Baptist Student Union of M. S. C. W. have found that their student night programs at Christmas have become an event to which the folks back home look forward. Other students presented student night programs in their home churches for the first time on Christmas night this year and found that they were received with much interest and enjoyment.

Students who reported student night programs in their home churches were as follows: Katherine Stockman, Pine Grove church, Ellisville; Lou Shelton Ewing, Gloster; Yvonne Magee, Brookhaven; Dorothy Jean Griffin, Liberty; Sue Ruf-

fin, Taylorsville; Dorothy Dean, Canton; Carolyn Eubanks, Sallis; Doris and Katherine Moreland, Corinth; Mamie McGraw, Louisville; Janet Chrestman, Calhoun City; Bernice Benson, McComb; and Etoile Green, Sharon.

—Mildred Ellis, Reporter.

—BR—

During the "sit down" strike in one of the big automobile concerns, legal notice was served on the "sit downers," ordering them to leave the property. The reply from one factory was:

"Dear Sir,  
"I remain,  
"Yours truly."

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# EVANGELISTIC BAND WORK- ING IN MANCHUKUO

Testimonies to the Power of God in the Lives of Some who were Bled through the Acceptance of His Word.

An evangelist, Mr. Lin Chao-seng, his wife and sisters, all of whom have consecrated their lives to preaching the gospel far and wide throughout Manchuria, are at this time holding meetings in most of the Baptist churches and smaller groups here in the northern regions of Manchukuo.

Interesting and encouraging reports come from these workers. One just received has been put into English, and, I feel sure, would be of interest to your readers. Among other things Evangelist Lin says:

"It gives me pleasure to say that the Lord continues to bless the preaching of His gospel. We have visited four places since I last wrote you, giving from one week to ten days at each. At these centers the results have been gratifying indeed. Nearly two hundred Christians who had grown cold were revived, confessed their sins and have become more active in the Lord's work; 236 unbelievers were converted and accepted the Lord as Saviour; 111 agreed to give their time more fully to witnessing for the Lord and toward leading the members of their families and neighbors to the Savior; and around one hundred testified at the close of the meetings to blessings received these past days."

He then gives some testimonies borne by those saved. Following are representative declarations made at these meetings:

A Mr. Swen says: "I had no faith in Christ until I came here to these meetings, but I began to realize the truth of a risen Christ. I now repent of what I have done, and confess my sins before the Lord." After this confession Mr. Swen walked to the blackboard and wrote: "Give thanks to God for His salvation!"

A Mrs. Chen said: "My great mistake has been that though I have lived in the same courtyard with Christians for five or six years, I have never put my trust in God, but I do have such faith now. I have confessed my sins to Him and am now happy in Christ as Lord."

A Mrs. Li confessed: "I have been so weak that I never had the courage to attend a Christian service, and have kept away from coming to God. Now I am conscious of my sins as a result of listening attentively to the Gospel. My heart rejoices in the Lord."

A Mr. Mo confessed: "I have tried in vain to convince a friend of mine and lead him to God, but while urging him to become a Christian I myself was practising the sinful habit of smoking cigarettes. I now give up my smoking with determination. My friend accepts my advice and takes the Lord as Savior. Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Sister Wei stated: "Though I have been saved by our Lord, and for nearly two years, close relatives of mine whom I love dearly have still remained in the dismal state of sin. This has now concerned me greatly. As a result of prayer and work they have now come to the meetings with me and have nearly all been saved by our Lord."

Mrs. Han, a Korean woman, said: "I have suffered for many years from severe illness, but never realized that it was due to the consequences of my sins. I have now confessed these and repent before the Lord. He has forgiven, and the illness has been taken away."

A Mrs. Ma declared: "Owing to the work of sin within me, I have never placed my faith in God in spite of coming frequently to services. However, I am now saved. This is because I have confessed my sins to our Lord and He has forgiven me. I am now determined not to commit these sins again. Among them were anger, lying and smoking."

"Many other believers bore witness," writes Mr. Lin, "to the saving power of the Lord. Men and women wept, others rejoiced."

The Lord has thus blessed the preaching of His Word at these places. The evangelistic group continues preaching at other places. The Lord is blessing this work throughout this field.

Chas. A. Leonard  
Harbin, Manchuria,  
December 1, 1938.

## A CHALLENGE

Nuisance or what?

A few years ago a brick building stood on the site, 907 S. Theobald Street, which finally came into the possession of the Samaritans, and was known in this section as the Samaritan Home. During the time it operated as such many things were done. Some of them to be commended; others God will attend to in His own accounting.

This establishment passed out of existence two years ago, condemned as a place of prostitution, and a nuisance.

At the December, 1937, meeting of the State Mission Board, Mr. J. D. Davis presented a plea and proposition to the board, and was given the job of locating a man on a mission field, the first time this has been done in quite a number of years. By March 1, 1938, the writer had been communicated with, visited the field, and was located on the field with Greenville as the center of activities.

Mrs. Eubanks and myself surveyed the entire city several times, finally breaking in on a half block of homes where we could see the need, and felt God's direction, and found to our amazement eleven homes with thirty-five children in them, telling each one what we would like to do. Three or four of the ladies opened their homes for us to come and hold services.

The first of these services was held on March 17, 1938, with sixteen present, including Mr. Davis, Rev. E. D. Estes, Mrs. Eubanks and myself. From that number the attendance grew to 54, at which time we moved out of their homes onto their front lawns.

A building committee was then named whose duty it was to find a location and build a house. May 31, we received a city building permit. June 1, foundation blocks were placed on the lot. On June 16, the first service was held in the new building. The first Sunday service was held on June 19, with one profession of faith. On July 3 a Sunday

school was organized with 22. July 24, a church was organized with 22 members. Dr. Lipsey was present and remained with us till Thursday night, at the close of the week we had 36 members. October 16 a Training Union was organized with 69 members.

The building is of wood, and its size is 24x40.

The lot is 110x260. (Not owned.) The lot! Oh yes, it's the same number given above, 907 S. Theobald Street, Greenville, Miss.

But read on.

At the last term of Federal court in the city of Vicksburg, a man was tried and convicted on a charge, included in which was charged that two girls had been transported from above named Samaritan home to Memphis for immoral purposes.

And now you can arrange the story in your mind. From a place where it seemed the Devil had charge, and things were being done which God frowned upon, to a place where prayer is wont to be made and where now regular meetings of a Baptist church are held with a membership of 71. The latest additions being three fine boys on January 1, and four excellent girls and two boys on January 8. Where 113 met for Sunday school in ten classes Jan. 8, and 80 at 6:30 for Training Union.

During December an every member canvass was made and of the 62 members, 53 signed pledge cards to tithe as we had presented it to them.

We, the Tabernacle Baptist Church, therefore challenge every other Baptist church in Mississippi to get just half their membership to pledge themselves to tithe and see what God will do for and with Mississippi Baptists. As a mission church we are unable to see how we are going to buy the lot and put an adequate building on it to care for the people who are coming, 150 at the morning and 200 at night services. But we further challenge Mississippi Baptists in this 1939 evangelistic year to go into the hundreds of communities where there is spiritual destitution and degradation into which sin plunges souls and preach to them God's word, and see them transformed into dynamic, alert workers of the vineyard.

Change whole communities from places where the spirit has been sold into slavery, into flaming torches whose rays shall penetrate the earth and extend lives into eternity.

## THE UNSELFISH CHRIST

God the Son in Grace was born;  
Of a virgin came He forth.  
Heavenly glories His head adorn,  
He is of transcendent worth.

He trod the earth in lowly me;,  
With the despised of earth He ate.

He helped the helpless, blind and lame.

The high and mighty did Him hate.

He asked from man not a thing,  
He came to give, not get.  
While God knew He was a King  
Man had not learned it yet.

Hunger and thirst His body felt  
He trod thru dirt and greed.  
He gave to drink of wine and milk.  
Condemned men's man made creed.

Men with dirty hands and gross  
Hanged Him on a tree.  
He winningly adorned the cross  
And died instead of me.

He sits a throne of God's own mold  
High, high up in the sky.  
Angels pay Him homage bold  
Tho He humbled Himself to die.

Men from their gilded thrones  
Him and His Grace disdain.  
When men's thrones are over thrown  
God crowns Him King of kings.

When this old world is all aflame  
And the heavens melt with heat,  
The redeemed will shout without a blame  
And worship at His feet.

—W. B. Phipps.

Mistress—"Marie, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything."

Maid—"Don't you worry, Ma'am; I never talk much."

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## CHICKASAW B. T. U.

It's a fact, that the county meeting of the Chickasaw B. Y. P. U. met Sunday afternoon, January 8th, at Van Vleet with Okolona Church rendering the program, which was the best program I think I ever attended. The meeting was opened by the county director, E. C. Edwards, who led the body in the singing of the hymn, "Our Best" and then he led in prayer. The business of electing other officers which were needed was then taken up and the following officers were elected:

Associate Director, Mrs. Earline Stone, Okolona; Secty. and Treas., Mr. Rafel Arnette, Van Vleet; Group Captain No. 1, Mr. Tommy Dunlay, Jr., Okolona; Group Captain No. 2, Mr. Chastain Johnson, Houston.

The meeting was then turned over to the leader for Okolona and the program was heard with much interest on the part of all present. The Okolona group gave a program on "Consecration" of the Mind, Body, and Soul. This was so inspiring from beginning to end until all were satisfied to go away thanking the Lord that they had attended the service. The young people all commented, that they would be glad to go to a service of that kind each Sunday afternoon.

We really think that we are soon to go places in Chickasaw County in our B. Y. P. U. work. The churches which are already organized are going, hope to enlist the other churches in the near future. We are praying too, that God will speed the day when our people realize that if they are to hold the young people of our churches, we must give them something to do. The young people are willing and ready to do if they are led into the doing of that thing. We are praying that our entire county will catch fire for the Lord in this year 1939 which has been set aside for the winning of the lost to Him who gave all for us. The time is now at hand for the Baptists of our Southland to show where we stand in the service of our Lord and Master. The young as well as the old are looking to us to be shown the light, or they will forever be left alone in the world to drift in the swift stream of the world into outer darkness. Why? Because people are either saved in this world and thereby for eternity, or they are lost while in this world and throughout eternity. Lord help us to save each soul that it is possible for us to reach is my prayer and I trust is the prayer of the Southland and the world who know the Lord.

E. C. Edwards, Director.

## LAUREL, FIRST CHURCH

With us there is a new zeal, enthusiasm, interest and outlook. We credit two agencies with this revival spirit. The Baptist Record and the Brotherhood. We found that with the Baptist Record in every family, many who had never been interested in the vital life of the denomination became interested and then with the manpower of the church organized and vitalized into a Brotherhood, we were ready to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the work of our Lord. These two "B's" will bless any church. . . The Baptist Record and Brotherhood. L. G. Gates, Pastor.

## RALPH WINDERS ORDAINED TO PREACH

On Saturday evening, January 7, 1939, in the New Albany Baptist Church the council was called together to examine Ralph B. Winders for the ministry. The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. P. Kirkland, pastor of New Albany Baptist Church. Dr. Frank M. Purser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, led the opening prayer, and was elected moderator. Rev. James B. Parker, pastor of Ripley Baptist Church, was elected clerk. The invited brethren and the deacons of New Albany Baptist Church constituted the council.

Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain College, was asked to lead in the examination.

The following ministers were present: Dr. J. P. Kirkland, Dr. Frank M. Purser, Dr. W. C. Tyler, Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., Rev. James B. Parker, Rev. S. B. Cooper, Rev. H. G. West, Rev. Erastus Hale, Rev. J. W. Fields, Rev. T. A. J. Beasley. The deacons present were: H. E. Worley, John Neely, Walter Kelly, T. I. Parker, C. A. Pickens, G. L. Winders, Varda Smith, R. L. Dodds.

The council recommended to the church the ordination of Ralph B. Winders to the ministry.

Ralph Winders is not the ordinary type of "young preacher." His past record is a bit unusual for a person of his chosen profession. After finishing high school here, he worked for about eighteen months before entering the University of Mississippi, where he finished in engineering, later becoming associated with TVA where he remained for three years before entering the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he will graduate in June of this year.

He was ordained last Sunday morning.

Jas. B. Parker, Secy.

## AN APPRECIATION OF DR. C. S. THOMAS

On the first Sunday in December, 1938, our pastor, Dr. C. S. Thomas, tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Itta Bena, Miss., which brought much sorrow to the hearts of the membership, and also to many of other churches. For three and one half years he has served faithfully and sacrificially our church. Under his leadership and with the faithful cooperation of his efficient wife, all departments of the church work have gone forward. Nearly 200 new members have been added to the church, and most of them have come in the regular services. Our Sunday school has been a standard school for the last three years. The church has kept all current expenses paid promptly, and has reduced the old debt more than 50%.

Whereas, Dr. C. S. Thomas asks to be relieved as pastor of the church, and

Whereas, he has been called to another field of labor, and

Whereas, his life and work have been a blessing to our church and community, and

Whereas, we feel keenly our loss because of the going of him and his

family from our church and town, and

Whereas, their influence upon the character and lives of our people among whom they have labored will continue through the years to come.

Therefore, be it resolved by the First Baptist Church:

1. That we express to Dr. Thomas and his family our sincere appreciation of their work and influence in our church and community, and assure them that we shall miss them.

2. That we shall pray God's blessings upon them in their new field of labor, and shall look forward to meeting them in the land beyond the stars.

Mrs. R. F. Love  
E. L. Fondren  
W. D. Halsell  
Mrs. C. J. Vail  
H. L. Trussell  
J. T. Carter

Motorists, riding near a farm orchard, stopped the car, got out, climbed the fence and gathered a bag of apples.

To complete the "joke," they slowed down as they went by the farmhouse, and called out to the owner: "We helped ourselves to your apples. Thought we'd tell you."

"Oh, that's all right," the farmer called back. "I helped myself to your tools while you were in the orchard."

## CHALYBEATE'S LOSS

The church and community here at Chalybeate has been saddened by the recent going of two of our oldest members. On January 7th, Mr. John A. Garrett, who was within a few days of his 92nd birthday, passed away. He came to this community when about seven years of age. He has been a man of influence through all these years, and a member of the Baptist church here since boyhood.

Then Monday night, January 9th, Mr. William J. Hollis, who was 84 years of age, passed away. Mr. Hollis was our oldest deacon. He had been a member of the Baptist church here for 67 years.

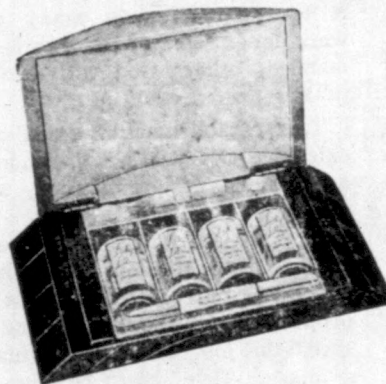
These two men were our oldest members, and had been close friends since boyhood, and passed away within two days of each other. This community is much grieved by the going of these two good citizens.

Roy M. Lewis, Pastor.

The pastor's office is essentially an office of leadership, and it is an office of divine appointment and authority.

The self-seeking preacher will have a big job looking for a place and for somebody to help him get a place to suit him.

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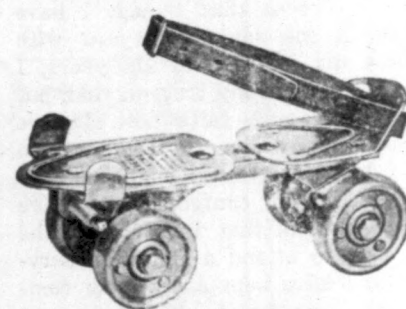
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